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£200m sell-off for Girobank by end of year

Swiss and Japanese could be bidders

By Robin Oakley and Richard Thomson

Girobank, with 6,000 employees and 2.5 million customers, is to be taken out of the public sector and sold by the end of the year. It is expected to fetch about £200 million.

Announcing the sale yesterday, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for Trade and Industry, said bids from the four big high street banks would not be welcome. They would be unlikely to meet the Government's stipulation of increased consumer choice.

"We would need a great deal of persuading before we were able to accept a bid from a major clearing bank", he said. He saw no objection, however, to foreign bids.

Japanese and Swiss institutions may rival British building societies with bids for Giro, and ministers hope the sale will be complete by the end of the year.

Girobank has been the banking arm of the Post Office for more than 20 years, and Mr Clarke added yesterday that other parts of the Post Office could also be privatized. However, none was yet on the agenda.

He said the sale would benefit both the bank and the Post Office. The close relationship between the two institutions would remain unchanged, under the terms of a five-year rolling contract between the two.

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The bank's main business is in money transmission, including distributing most of the Government's social security payments through Post Office branches. It has recently expanded into areas such as mortgage lending and credit card services.

The privatization is designed to allow Girobank more ready access to capital than it has enjoyed as part of the Post Office.

The buyer will be expected to make a substantial capital injection into the bank and *will also have to provide* a profit-sharing scheme for Girobank's staff and satisfy the Bank of England's supervisory requirements.

There was surprise in the City that the Government had decided against a public share offer. Analysts said there were no obvious buyers for it.

The Labour Party immediately denounced the *privatisation.* Mr Bryan Gould, spokesman on trade, said there was no evidence that Girobank's customers were unhappy with the service *they received* and there was no justification for the sale beyond the Government's political dogma.

Mr Tony Benn, who as *Postmaster General* in a past Labour Government was responsible for setting up Girobank, denounced the sale as a "naked act of plunder of assets that do not belong to the *Government*".

Other Labour MPs accused the Government of trying to hand over a profitable institution, with access to 20,000 Post Office counters *and the* lucrative social security business, to their own financial backers.

Asked for assurances about *Girobank's 6,000 employees,* Mr Clarke would not give guarantees but said that buyers would be interested in expanding the business.

"*I don't believe anyone will* make a bid with a view to running it down." It was a *significant opportunity to* promote competition and to widen customer choice.

Girobank was a successful banking arm of the Post Office with a particular strength in money transmission and in *handling deposits of corporate* cash, he said. In 1986/87 it had made a profit of £23.1 million. The Post Office had agreed that taking Girobank out of the public sector was the best way to proceed.

It would be offered for sale to a financial institution or other suitable company. Suit*able bidders would be given* an opportunity to tender.

The main factors to be taken into consideration by the Post office would be price, the widening of choice for consumers and the safeguarding of close links with Post Office Counters Ltd.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, the Post Office chairman, welcomed the move, saying it would put Girobank on an equal footing with other UK banks.

"It will have the freedom to trade on equal terms in a highly competitive market without the constraints that operate in the public sector", he said.

However, the National Communications Union condemned the sale as a "fund-raising auction of the peoples' bank."

"This is ideology for ideology's sake, as the Government itself admits that Giro is a success." The union will press the Government for a guarantee of continued work for the bank's employees.

TOMORROW

THE TIMES GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE

- Where is it best for m'learned friend to learn his stuff? Tomorrow *The Times* Good University Guide looks at Britain's law schools.
- There will also be an A-Z guide to Oxford colleges, plus a general knowledge competition with computer prizes.

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Accumulator

- Three winners shared the £4,000 daily prize yesterday (see page 3). The Portfolio Accumulator Fund now stands at £70,000.

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Pound steady

Sterling steadied on the foreign exchange markets, easing pressure for a further base rate rise. The pound closed 0.75 cent up at $1.8105 ..... Page 25

England draw

Graham Gooch scored a match-saving 146 as England drew the second Test match against West Indies at Trent Bridge yesterday ...... Page 48

Kelly named

Graham Kelly, secretary of the Football League, has been named chief executive of the Football Association. He will take the place of Ted Croker, who is to retire as secretary in February ...... Page 48

Awards for the heroes of Hungerford massacre

Heroes of the massacre: Mrs Hazel Haslett (top left) and Mrs Linda Bright (top right), who were both fired at in Hungerford and (below) Lance Corporal Carl Harries (left), PC Jeremy Wood (centre) and PC Roger Brereton, who died

Bravery in the face of gunman

By David Sapsted

The heroism of police officers, two ambulancewomen and unsuspecting members of the public who found themselves caught up in the Hungerford massacre last August is marked today with the announcement of eight gallantry awards by the Queen.

Among those to receive the Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct are three people, including a British Airways stewardess, aged 23, whose heroism while under fire has remained unrecorded until today.

Another recipient is PC Roger Brereton, a traffic officer aged 41, who was the first to attend the scene of the shooting and was fatally wounded when Michael Ryan raked his patrol car with shots from a Kalashnikov rifle.

A second traffic officer from Newbury is honoured. PC Jeremy Wood, aged 40, came under heavy fire when he arrived in Hungerford but managed to escape the bullets which, in the end, claimed 16 lives.

Three of the unsung heroes of Hungerford who are honoured today are Miss Carol Hall, a stewardess who was at the town's swimming pool when the shooting started; the pool's supervisor, Mr Michael Palmer and a lifeguard, Mr David Sparrow.

The citation says that, after seeing a man with two rifles standing over a body in the nearby war memorial gardens, they moved about 20 children and several adults to safety.

It goes on: "Meanwhile, four or five rapid shots brought an approaching taxi to a halt. Miss Hall, Mr Palmer and Mr Sparrow, without a thought for their own safety, ran to the taxi to render first aid, but it was clear the driver was dead."

Similar gallantry awards go to Mrs Hazel Haslett and Mrs Linda Bright, the crew of the first ambulance to arrive. They were confronted by the gunman and, according to the *citation:* "One bullet penetrated the windscreen and Mrs Haslett received injuries to her arms and legs from flying glass. Despite the shock of this incident, both ambulance women responded to a further call for assistance."

At the time, Mrs Haslett dismissed suggestions of bravery: "We are not heroes. We were just doing our job." Another recipient is *Lance Corporal Carl Harries, now* aged 22, who was on leave at his parents' home in Hungerford when the shooting started. He helped the dying and wounded although Ryan had taken aim at him.

Murderers face longer jail terms

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Home Secretary last night attempted to pacify Conservative backbenchers who favour restoring the death penalty by pledging longer prison sentences for convicted murderers.

Mr Douglas Hurd told the Commons at the start of a debate calling for the return of capital punishment that people convicted of the worst kind of murder could expect to serve "substantially longer than 20 years" in prison as a result of longer sentences being imposed for violent offences.

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Even with the attempt to restore the death penalty heading for yet another heavy defeat, Mr Hurd dismissed the amendments calling for its return as taking a "remarkably *broad-brush* approach to a power of life and death". They would, he told MPs, virtually

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Mackay support for big reform of civil courts

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Far-reaching reforms for the civil courts were given a broad seal of approval, although no *commitment on legislation,* by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, yesterday.

The reforms, published yesterday, come out of what Lord Mackay described as the "most important and wide-ranging review of civil justice in England and Wales for over a century".

The civil justice review body, a team of his own officials and laymen under Sir Maurice Hodgson, chairman *of British Home Stores,* had produced an "impressive" and "practical-minded" report, Lord Mackay said. *It* had grappled with the problems of delays, costs and complexity in the civil court.

However, he would not commit himself to the merits of individual proposals and warned a realistic timetable would be two to three years before legislation, if there was to be any, *could* go through Parliament.

The Lord Chancellor said he was "certainly in favour of reform seeking to go for a reduction in delays". However, the report was a "major" document and had to be treated as a package and its proposals not adopted piecemeal.

The report, with its 91 recommendations, outlines some of the most far-reaching reforms ever suggested to the machinery of civil justice and could revolutionize lawyers' working practices and the way the civil courts are run.

Its proposals pave the way for an overhaul of the civil courts so that they are geared to the consumer, the litigant. It would enable people to bring many small claims, and housing and debt cases, without the need for a lawyer.

The report also proposes a major shift downwards in work from the High Court to the county courts, so that the *High Court* would *in general* only handle claims involving £50,000 or more. The county courts, however, would have an unlimited jurisdiction.

At the same time, many claims now pursued in the county courts would be heard by the small claims arbitration procedure.

The Lord Chancellor urged the consumers of courts, and not just lawyers, to react to the report on *which* there *is* a consultation period until the end of next month. "I would

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Aircraft lands on motorway

Three people were hurt last night when a light aircraft crash-landed on the M62 motorway near Manchester.

Two people in the aircraft, believed to be the pilot and a passenger, and a motorist were injured when it came down on the eastbound carriageway at Eccles, Greater Manchester.

Police were unable to give any *details of the injuries.* The plane was thought to have crashed while attempting an emergency landing between junctions 11 and 12.

The AA reported "severe" congestion in the area as two lanes of the motorway were closed to rush-hour traffic.

The aircraft had come from Barton airport near by. Weather conditions were fair and there was no early indication of what caused *it to get into* difficulties. Details of the incidents were being passed to the Civil Aviation Authority.

Student loans

Minister set to unveil plans

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The big banks and building societies are being lined up by ministers to play a central role in the revolutionary new system of top-up student loans to be announced next month.

They will be among the *chief lenders of cheap* loans of well over £1,000 a head which, it is proposed, will be introduced in *1990.*

The loans will be repayable over a period of 10 years and the taxpayer will be responsible for covering bad debts *and subsidizing* the cost of interest charges.

The revised proposals, which are being piloted through Whitehall by Mr Robert Jackson, the minister for higher education, are markedly more generous than those first disclosed in *The Times* in March.

Crucially, ministers have dropped their original plan to link the introduction of supplementary loans with a £100 cut in the value of the grant.

The Government's *plans* are still confidential and yesterday the banks declined to be drawn on the extent of their involvement.

Although the scheme still has to get formal Cabinet approval, education ministers are confident they now have Treasury backing for the change, which to begin with will involve substantial extra costs.

This is because under Whitehall accounting procedures loans underwritten by the Government have to be added to public spending totals and because of the cost of meeting part of the interest charges on advances not repayable for some time.

It is understood that the *introduction of loans* will mean the ending of the payment of housing benefit to students, which according to some estimates averages £370 a year a head.

Safeguards will be built into the scheme so that repayments would be frozen if people become unemployed

Ministers also believe that the introduction of a mixed grants and loans system will widen access to higher education.

They think that many young people from these groups are deterred from seeking places at universities and *polytechnics* because of doubts over their parents' willingness to hand over their means-tested contributions towards grants.

After the 1984 Conservative backbench revolt when Sir Keith Joseph, the then Secretary of State for Education and Science, tried to increase the level of parental contributions to student grants, Tory MPs have been wary of tinkering with the existing system.

Prescott 'closing' on Hattersley

By Philip Webster

Mr John Prescott is claiming growing support among the unions and constituency parties in his attempt to win the party deputy leadership from Mr Roy Hattersley.

While Mr Hattersley remains favourite, there are signs that the party energy spokesman is picking up more backing than seemed likely when the election campaign began. Both camps regard the decision of the Transport and General Workers' Union executive — being urged by Mr Ron Todd, the general secretary, to nominate the Kinnock-Hattersley ticket — as crucial.

The decision, delayed from today to tomorrow, appeared last night to be on a knife-edge. Mr Todd remains confident that enough of the 22-17 hard-left majority will reject a Kinnock-Prescott slate.

Pravda turns the tables on official whitewash

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Pravda, once the faithful whitewasher of all Communist Party actions, yesterday printed the most outspoken in its recent series of biting attacks against the more obdurate behaviour of party officials.

Flexing critical muscles with Krem*lin encouragement* in the run-up to this month's crucial party conference, the party daily told its 11 million readers that reform meant an end to the type of thinking which had *allowed previous* Soviet leaders to rule under the theory: "Our people cannot live without a Tsar."

The paper also publicly denounced the common practice, which it has often played a role in, of misinforming the Soviet population that party officials have been retired for health reasons when they have been sacked.

The latest broadside against Kremlin power abuses, which took *glasnost* to new limits, came in a special review of letters demanding that the conference obliges Soviet leaders to stop lying to the people. *Pravda* endorsed readers' letters denouncing party control over the press, the unanimous adoption of party decisions and the *cult of personality.*

Prava reported that, last month, a *brief item* was printed saying that the party bosses in the republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, where ethnic unrest has raged for three months, had been retired for health reasons.

"On that day, the editor's telephone did not stop ringing," it confessed. "People said with bitter irony: so it is the same old song, as though people *were so stupid and naive that they did* not understand the real reasons for the simultaneous firing of top-level officials who allowed an emergency in the region."

One party member, Mr V Dubovenko wrote from the Ukrainian *capital of Kiev:* "As far as I can judge, party ideology work under (Mr Mikhail) Suslov was worse than anywhere else — efforts were directed not at its improvement but at exalting *the figure of Brezhnev.*

"I am deeply convinced that they created this whole cult so that someone sometime could circulate the dirty theory that our people cannot live without a Tsar, and if there is none, without a supreme leader."

Pravda said of that letter and others: "It is difficult not to agree with these *opinions.*" The paper went on to provide examples of party hypocrisy which it said were continuing despite the era of *glasnost.* It added that it was sad but true that criticism of party affairs was *still* largely taboo in the Soviet press.

Yesterday's letters also attacked the system of rule from the top downwards, claiming that it did not tally with Mr Gorbachov's new policy of democratization. "The party still re*tains a strict hierarchy,*" complained a reader from the Siberian city of Chita. "The suppressed majority of communists, and this is no secret, participates only formally in the development of its policies."

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Ulster police to have more power

Three new Orders in Council to strengthen the Royal Ulster Constabulary's powers against terrorism and paramilitary racketeering were promised by Mr John Stanley, Minister of State at the Northern Ireland Office, yesterday.

He said he would also consider the Northern Ireland Police Federation's request for a Royal Commission to examine the role of policing in the province, but brushed aside its reiterated demand for the restoration of detention without trial for known terrorists.

Mr Stanley told the federation's annual conference that the Police and Criminal Evidence Order, based on the similarly-named mainland Bill, would be tabled in Parliament this summer with an order extending to Northern Ireland the operations of the Serious Fraud Office.

In the autumn, a further order conferring powers to freeze and seize the proceeds of serious crime, including drug-trafficking and paramilitary racketeering, would be tabled, he said.

However, on the issue of detention without trial, he would only say that the matter was kept constantly under review.

Head resigns

A headmaster criticized for his handling of anti-racist policies after the playground murder of an Asian pupil resigned yesterday. Dr Gerald Gough, currently on sick leave from Burnage High School, Manchester, will leave on August 31, the date from which Manchester City Council said Dr Gough, aged 48, had requested "to be relieved of his responsibilities". He was criticized in an independent report commissioned by the council after the playground killing of Ahmed Ullah, aged 13, at the school in September 1986.

EEC cash for Wales

The co-operation between three rural Welsh counties to produce a coherent economic strategy to vitalize the communities has resulted in an big injection of EEC funds. Between them Dyfed, Gwynedd and Powys could receive up to £108 million from the European Regional Development Fund by 1991. The money could provide more than 12,000 full-time jobs, 42 bridge improvements, and 80 miles of new or improved roads.

Joint satellite TV deal

Satellite television channels controlled by Maxwell Communications, *W H Smith* and *British Telecom* are to be marketed jointly to individual homes in a "single low cost package", it was disclosed last night. The trio, which will jointly fund a new company to market their product to *British viewers buying satellite dishes, plan to place their* channels on the same medium-powered satellite and are inviting bids from SES, the Luxembourg-based financial consortium, which is launching the Astra satellite this *November, and Eutelsat, whose satellite launch is planned* for the end of 1989.

The announcement came on the eve of today's press conference being given by Mr Rupert Murdoch where he will unveil News International's satellite television plans. Mr Murdoch is expected to disclose he will be leasing up to four channels on Astra and use PAL, the transmission signal currently used to provide television pictures to most European countries.

Mr Francis Baron, managing director of W H Smith Television, said last night the new joint venture would probably not use Astra if the PAL transmission signal was used "because we don't think it has a long enough lifespan to make it a viable system for satellite."

"In our opinion, unless we hear something dramatically to the contrary from Astra, the Astra offer with Rupert Murdoch on board with PAL, is not as attractive as it was hitherto," he added.

Split over tax incentives to boost private health cover

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The Government's review of health policy developed yesterday into a struggle between the Treasury and the Department of Health and Social Security.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has declared his opposition to proposals from Mr John *Moore, the Secretary of State* for Social Services, to give everyone a cash incentive to take out private health insurance.

Mr Lawson's rejection of a health tax break is set out in a Treasury memorandum submitted to the group of ministers chaired by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, which is conducting the review.

Nevertheless, Mr Lawson has left the door open to some limited form of sweetener to those considering switching to the private sector.

And Mr Moore is seeking to capitalize on this by advocating a less ambitious shake-up of the existing system.

He is understood to be arguing for a limited scheme under which tax relief, for instance, would be restricted to elderly people insuring themselves privately or people prepared to cover themselves for such surgery as hip replacements.

As *The Times* reported last month , Mr Moore originally recommended that people should be able to opt out of the NHS and pay a lower health stamp or tax if they took out private health insurance.

Mr Lawson's initial reaction left health ministers believing that thay had overcome the traditional Treasury opposition to such special arrangements, but it has since become clear that the Chancellor is sceptical of this approach.

In his memorandum, submitted within the past fortnight, he cautions against such a change on three grounds:

- The cost to the Exchequer of extending tax relief on private health insurance to the 5½ million people covered by such schemes — likely to run into hundreds of millions of pounds without relieving pressure on the national health service.
- The danger that once the principle of tax breaks for health insurance was established, pressure would grow for similar concessions for other forms of expenditure such as education.
- The fact that such a change would conflict with the Government's underlying principle of neutrality in taxation.

Mrs Thatcher, while attracted to the radical nature of Mr Moore's proposals, remains unconvinced about their political wisdom.

She and senior ministers are aware that to boost the private sector will leave them open to the charge of introducing a two-tier service.

The new ideas seem certain also to include managerial changes to cut red tape and strengthen the consumer voice in the NHS by giving greater powers to health authority managers and introducing an internal market to reduce waiting lists.

Ministers hope that they will complete the review in time for the Conservative Party conference in October.

A committee to review ethical guidelines concerning the use of foetuses for medical treatment and research is being set up by the Government.

It comes after recent cases when *brain tissue from* aborted foetuses was transplanted into patients suffering from Parkinson's disease.

***Professor* Edward Hitchcock, of the Midland Centre of Neurosurgery and Neurology, Birmingham, has carried out three *operations* using foetal brain tissue implants in spite of controversy over the procedure.**

Shops attack

Police are investigating attacks by animal rights protesters on butchers' shops in Swindon, Wiltshire, yesterday. Slogans were painted on premises.

Sympathy for bomb victims

The Queen Mother at Enniskillen yesterday with Mrs Joan Wilson, whose daughter Marie was killed by an IRA bomb.

By Paul Vallely

Outwardly there was little to distinguish the bomb victims *from the* rest of the crowd who gathered yesterday to watch the Queen Mother fly into Enniskillen to open a newly restored National Trust mansion only a mile away from the spot where last November a bomb ripped through a Remembrance Day crowd.

They stood among a crowd of guests at Castle Coole which the National Trust *boasts is perhaps* the finest neo-classical house in the country. But they offered none of the nervous *smiles or* neat curtseys which distinquished the local dignatories and the craftsmen who have worked on *the restoration.*

For the survivors of the IRA bomb and the bereaved, the ceremony was a painful reminder of the day last November when 11 people died and more than 16 were injured by the blast .

The Queen Mother said: "On this visit to Co Fermanagh my thoughts must inevitably turn to the events at Enniskillen on Remembrance Day last year only a mile or so from here.

"My heart goes out, as it did then, to the families and friends of those who lost their lives and those who are still recovering from their injuries. May God give them all courage and hope."

The most poignant moment came when she shook hands with Mrs Joan Wilson, whose daughter Marie died buried in bomb debris.

The Queen Mother recalled the words of forgiveness spoken by the girl's father, Mr Gordon Wilson, which the Queen later referred to in her Christmas broadcast.

"We have thought about you so much", she told Mrs Wilson. "You have all been so brave."

Mrs Wilson later said the Queen Mother had herself "set a great example of bravery and courage" both by coming to Enniskillen and in the way she had dealt with bereavement in her own family. Mr Wilson, who was in London on business, was not present.

In the sombre atmosphere a dispute which had erupted earlier between Lord Belmore and the National Trust over the redecoration of the house seemed unimportant.

GMB leader forecasts 'super unions'

By Tim Jones and Roland Rudd

The British industrial scene could be dominated by just four "super unions" by the turn of the century, delegates to the GMB general union conference were told yesterday.

Mr John Edmonds, the union's general secretary, said each of the four dominant power blocks would have "well over a million members" giving them a great advantage over the smaller unions in the second rank.

Many unions have already merged in order to give them greater protection against the economic power and expertise of multinational companies and other "marriages" will soon drastically reduce the 81 unions currently affiliated to the TUC.

Mr Edmonds told his conference that the new super unions of the future would be able to employ more officials based in more towns who would be closer to the members.

"They will be able to employ more specialists of a higher calibre and have more resources to provide better services", he said.

At present, the GMB claims to be the second biggest union in the land and that position will be beyond doubt, for a time at *least*, once its proposed merger with the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff and the Greater London Staff Association comes into force to form a 909,000 strong organisation.

- The electricians union yesterday launched a scathing *attack on the "inward-looking,* class based ideology" of the TUC.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union yesterday urged its members to reject the "TUC's backwood men on a suicide path".

In a front page commentary in the electricians' magazine *Contact* the EETPU askes it 345,000 members to back a *rule change, to be put to the* membership in a secret ballot this month, which puts the union's own interests above those of the TUC.

- A crucial battle over the most radical changes in working practices to be proposed to the rail unions *is* due to come to a head next week at the annual conference of the train drivers' union ASLEF.

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Heiress takes court action to reclaim lost 'millions'

An heiress lavished her entire fortune on her son's youthful mathematics teacher, the High Court in London was told yesterday.

Mrs Marjorie Ashfield now says her actions — which included writing her son out of her will — were taken under undue influence.

She is seeking to have partnership agreements and gifts set aside on ground of undue influence and, in one instance, on the ground of fraud.

Mrs Ashfield, aged nearly 70, owns stately homes in Norfolk and property in Chelsea, south-west London.

Over six years, she gave Mr Andrew Witham, a school teacher, money and property worth millions of pounds, the court was told.

Mr Witham taught Mrs Ashfield's son, John, at St Ronans Preparatory School at Hawkhurst, Kent.

He first met Mrs Ashfield in March 1974, when she was still happily married to Mr Richard Ashfield. The court was told that he became close to the family and was granted the lease of Winston Cottage, part of a large estate in Geldeston, Norfolk.

He was given the lease at a preferential rate and was lent £1,500 to start a game farm. He coached John Ashfield in mathematics and also ran shooting parties on the estate.

In January 1978, the Ashfield marriage came to an end. Mr Ashfield lived with John at Petersham House in Richmond, Surrey, and Mrs Ashfield lived in the gatehouse of Geldeston Hall in Norfolk.

It was then, Mr Terence Cullen, QC, counsel for Mrs Ashfield, said, that Mr Witham "encouraged her to look upon him as her successor rather than John".

She allegedly became "wholly dependent upon Witham for emotional support and management of her financial affairs". A series of transactions began which Mrs Ashfield now says were all madeunder undue influence.

She and Mr Witham entered into a partnership in January 1978 to farm Winston Hall farm at Geldeston.

However, Mr Cullen said: "Once Mr Witham took over the farm, it started to make substantial losses".

In 1979, Mrs Ashfield gave Mr Witham four acres of land in Norfolk, closely followed by an extension of the partnership over their life times.

If Mrs Ashfield died first, as was likely, he would have the option of buying out her share of the partnership property.

In January 1981, Mr Witham was lent £5,000, which he did not repay, the court was told.

In 1980, Mr Witham and Mrs Ashfield began dealing in London property. Mrs Ashfield already owned houses in Chelsea, and bought more for £673,000.

When the properties were resold for £1,200,000, Mr Witham allegedly took nearly £200,000.

He was later given Winston Hall farm house and finally, Geldeston Hall. More than 500 acres of farm land were given to him in 1982, the court was told, with an interest-free loan of £25,000, again not repaid.

In June 1982, Petersham House was sold and valuable furniture, including Persian rugs and antique Elizabethan tables were used to furnish Geldeston Hall.

Witham claims the furniture was a gift to him.

Mrs Ashfield had by that stage written her son out of her will, leaving her entire estate to Mr Witham as her residuary legatee.

It is also claimed that Mr Witham acted dishonestly over the purchase of 100 acres of land at Ditchingham, Norfolk. The land was halved and the mathematics teacher allegedly ensured that his section was the more valuable.

In November 1984, Mrs Ashfield fell out with her protegè and left Geldeston. She now lives in Richmond Hill Court, Richmond, Surrey.

The case continues today.

Arms cache 'could have made 25 bombs'

Two deny Irish terrorist conspiracy

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Two Belfast men buried a "potentially deadly" arms cache capable of making at least 25 bombs for a lengthy terrorist campaign across Britain, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The men were under surveillance by police from Scotland Yard and Greater Manchester. After their arrest 190 pounds of Czech plastic explosives, a radio controlled bomb and five guns were discovered buried in dustbins in forests south of Manchester.

The timing devices were a type used for many years by the Provisional IRA who were the only group to use them, the court was told.

Yesterday Patrick McLaughlin, aged 38, unemployed, of Glenalina Park, Ballymurphy Estate, Belfast, and Liam McCotter, aged 25, unemployed, of Carrigart Avenue, Belfast, both pleaded not guilty to conspiring to cause explosions on or before February 19 last year together and with other persons unknown.

Mr Roy Amlot, opening the case for the Crown, told the court that the cache was, according to experts, "a most significant and potentially deadly collection".

He added: "Such a quantity and diversity of materials appears intended for a prolonged and sustained campaign of terrorist violence in which it is inconceivable there would be no injuries or deaths".

Mr Amlot said that the two men buried the explosives, bomb-making material and support weapons in Macclesfield and Delamere Forests early last year for use in a bomb campaign.

Mr Amlot told the court the two defendants were watched last February by a police team.

They drove one day to Macclesfield Forest and then a few hours later on to the Delamere Forest using a van bought for cash the day before.

They returned to Manchester to shop for materials and were later followed to Macclesfield Forest, where a detective watched the two men digging.

The two men were arrested by armed officers in Manchester on February 19.

When the forest sites were dug up by police they found 190 lb of Semtex explosive in 34 blocks. There were 25 detonators and 24 timers ranging from 20 one-hour timers to two three-day and two six-day timers. Police also found three AK47 rifles and two handguns.

The hearing continues today.

Papworth's sunny day

Four former heart-lung transplant patients of Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, showing zest for life yesterday when they and 23 others who have undergone the operation there met the Princess of Wales. They are (clockwise, from top left) Miss Nancy Rickards, Mrs Carol Town, Miss Lisa Cameron and Miss Katie Mitchell. The hospital has performed 44 heart-lung grafts since 1984, supervised by Mr John Wallwork, a consultant surgeon (Photograph: Steve Wood).

'Arms arsenal in bathroom'

A member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's elite corps used a bathroom cupboard in Hull to store a terrorist arsenal of weapons and bomb-making equipment, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

"The armaments represented the wherewithal to mount a sustained campaign of terrorism", Mr John Nutting, for the prosecution, said.

The court heard that the cache was left in suitcases in the bathroom of a quiet terraced house by an Arab, Abder Rahman Mustapha, who was suspected by police of being involved in the murder of an Arab journalist in London last July.

Their inquiries led them to raid the home in Hull of a Jordanian research assistant, Ismael Hassan Sowan, a known associate of Mr Mustapha.

The court was told that Mr Sowan took police to the bathroom cupboard where the locked suitcases were stored.

Inside was 66lb of Czechoslovakian high explosives, detonators, delay devices, seven anti-personnel fragmentation grenades, four assault rifles and more than 300 rounds of ammunition, Mr Nutting said.

Mr Sowan, aged 28, a Jordanian born in Jerusalem who lives at Westbourne Avenue, Hull, told police he had no idea what was in the cases he was storing for Mr Mustapha. He denies possessing the explosives and arms.

Mr Nutting said Mr Sowan was educated partly in the Lebanon where he first met Mr Mustapha.

"It is difficult to resist the view that Mr Mustapha is a dedicated terrorist", Mr Nutting said. Mr Mustapha, who was not in court,was a member of the PLO and part of the elite corps — known as Force 17 — guarding Yasser Arafat, he alleged.

Mr Nutting added: "He was known as an active member of the PLO forces in the war of 1982". Mr Sowan came to Britain in 1984 to complete his civil engineering studies at Bath. In London that year he again Mr Mustapha, who acted as best man when Mr Sowan married an English girl. Mr Sowan then moved to Hull to work as a research assistant at the Humberside College of Higher Education.

In spring 1987 Mr Mustapha planned to leave Britain and "clearly needed somewhere to store the explosives and arms in his possession", Mr Nutting said.

Mr Sowan visited Mr Mustapha's home in Romford, Essex, in March and later Mr Mustapha travelled to Hull on three occasions taking one or more suitcases containing weapons, Mr Nutting said.

Mr Mustapha then left Britain but returned in July, staying two days with Mr Sowan before going to London. On July 22 an Arab journalist living in London was murdered.

Mr Sowan claimed he was an informer giving regular information to the Israelis about people who were PLO sympathizers, Mr Nutting said.

The trial continues today

Sisters sue father for rape damages

By Mark Ellis

Three young sisters are suing their father for damages for rape and indecent assault while they were children.

The action will be heard in the High Court in London. Lawyers describe the case as "extraordinary" as the father had never been charged.

Claims for the mental and physical consequences suffered by the girls, now aged 18, 20 and 23, could yield substantial damages.

Abuses are said to have begun when the eldest girl, now married, was eight and her sisters 10 and 11. They say their father, an electrical engineer in his 50s, sometimes beat and forced perverted acts on them. The case, due to be heard later this year, is believed to be the first of its type.

Under the guidelines for the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, rape victims are usually awarded compensation of about £5,000 if the attack was reported to the police and a claim lodged within three years.

● Voluntary castration for some rapists was suggested by Sir Stanley Bailey, Chief Constable of Northumbria yesterday. Sir Stanley told his police authority he did not think it was "wrong for some people who would otherwise be a permanent risk to women".

Cancer treatment gets £6m injection

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A cancer treatment centre which could help to save thousands of lives a year is to be set up with a £6 million grant announced by the Government yesterday.

The centre, costing £10.4 million, will be established at St Thomas's Hospital, south London. Two medical cyclotrons, employing beams of subatomic particles, neutrons and protons, will be used to treat deep-seated malignant cells.

It will enable many patients to avoid disfiguring surgery, organizers of the project said.

One of the cyclotrons will provide a new form of diagnostic scanning, called positron emission topography, which produces biochemical images of the body. The Government will pay 60 per cent of the running costs of the centre in addition to the £6 million for capital costs. Sixty per cent of the centre's capacity will be for National Health Service patients, with the remainder treated privately.

The Cyclotron Trust charity has been set up to raise another £4 million. Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Conservative MP for Upminster, the chairman, said: "For patients with some types of cancer it will give hope where none exists. The centre will keep Britain ahead in cancer treatment and advanced medical technology."

Lady Fermoy severs festival ties

Arts event could lose Queen Mother as patron

By David Sapsted

Dowager Lady Fermoy, the Princess of Wales's grandmother and Woman of the Bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, yesterday severed her links with the music festival she founded almost 40 years ago.

Her resignation as president of the King's Lynn Festival raised fears that it might prompt the Queen Mother, who has attended every festival since their inception 37 years ago, to resign as patron.

Lady Fermoy, aged 79, has also asked that her name be removed from the Fermoy Centre, which hosts the nine-day event and which will now be called the King's Lynn Arts Centre, although the art gallery in the complex will retain the family name.

She has declined to give a reason for her resignation, which came after a string of disputes surrounding the loss-making event. It was known she was unhappy with the decision last year to re-organize the management of the festival and replace Mr Alan Wilkinson, its director, with a general manager.

Lady Fermoy described that decision as bizarre, adding: "Damage has been done to Alan Wilkinson's character and ability."

King's Lynn and West Norfolk District Council saved the festival in January with a £62,500 grant to cover last year's losses, but has criticized the management of the Fermoy Centre for operating on a deficit budget. The criticism led to the resignation of General Sir Harry Tuzo, a former commanding officer in Northern Ireland, as the centre's chairman earlier this year.

"Lady Fermoy's decision to resign has come as a shock, but she has not been enormously happy over the past few months with the re-organization of the administration of the festival", Mr Simon Ing, the vice-chairman, said yesterday.

A spokesman at Clarence House said last night that the Queen Mother, one of Lady Fermoy's closest friends, had so far given no indication that she would be resigning. It is expected that they will both be at the festival next month when the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich dedicates a concert to the Queen Mother to mark her eighty-eighth birthday, with all the proceeds going to charity.

The centre's change of name had been in the offing for some months, according to one of the trustees. "It had been running at a loss and Lady Fermoy was fed up with seeing local newspaper headlines that said, 'Fermoy runs into cash problems'. She felt it could be taken as a reflection on the family name."

The National Theatre is to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary this October by being renamed the Royal National Theatre.

The name change was approved by the Queen yesterday.

Lord Rayne, chairman of the board, said: "I am delighted that the National Theatre will be receiving this accolade in recognition of its achievements of the past 25 years".

Sir Peter Hall, the theatre's director, who leaves in September, added: "It's wonderful that 25 years of work by so many people have been recognized in this way".

Sellafield spends £5m to entertain tourists

By Peter Davenport

The fastest growing tourist attraction in England — the Sellafield Nuclear Reprocessing Plant in Cumbria — yesterday opened a £5 million visitors' centre to cope with the influx of people.

Last year a total of 100,000 visitors made the journey to the site on an isolated stretch of the Cumbrian coast, an increase of 60 per cent on the figure for 1986.

This year 150,000 tourists are expected to see the elaborate audio-visual displays, which include a walk-in mock-up of the inside of a nuclear reactor, video explanations of the workings of the plant and computer-based quiz games.

The Government is keen to encourage industrial tourism as a way of creating new jobs. At the Sellafield Centre, 26 women, smartly dressed like air hostesses, have been recruited to explain the intricate processes of the plant.

There has been a small exhibition centre at Sellafield since 1982 but for the first three years of its existence it never attracted more than 30,000 visitors a year.

But after a court case in which it was fined £10,000 for contaminating a local beach with radioactive discharge and an increasingly vociferous campaign by critics of the industry, the firm decided to go on the offensive by launching a campaign encouraging the public to visit.

London's young homeless

Work-shy myth disproved

By Patrick O'Hanlon

The first comprehensive survey of London's homeless youngsters discloses the majority move to the capital in search of work and more than half arrive penniless.

Many only had the clothes they were wearing and almost none had an offer of a secure job.

"Young people have responded to Norman Tebbit and have gone in search of work", Sir George Young, Conservative MP for Ealing, Acton, said at the launch of the survey yesterday. "They are not work-shy."

The survey, No Way Home, has the backing of an all-party group of MPs.

Its findings come after interviews with almost 250 young people staying at the Centrepoint night shelter in Soho.

Centrepoint's director, Mr Nick Hardwick, said the stereotype image of homeless youngsters as "drunken layabouts" or "pathetic runaways whose parents are hanging on the end of a telephone", was simply not true. "Ninety-two per cent of youngsters who come to London are looking for work.

"I think that nails the myth of work-shy layabouts."

He also criticized the recent social security reforms which now issued bed-and-breakfast payments in arrears when landlords expected payment in advance.

The result of that "bureaucratic bungle", Mr Hardwick said, was that since April "not one of the young people we have seen has been able to get in to a bed-and-breakfast night shelter. I don't believe this is what the DHSS intended."

The survey looked at youngsters from the North and from Scotland, although trends showed that an increasing number of young people were flocking to the capital from the south of England.

More than half had no home to which to return. One young man was evicted by his mother after losing his job and being unable to pay his keep. She told him she did not want to see him for at least 10years.

According to the survey, 99 per cent had less than £10 in their pockets, and after only a few days on the streets 18 per cent had been approached for the purpose of involving them in prostitution.

Seventy-five per cent had left home without definite arrangements for somewhere to stay, while 25 per cent had spent time in care. Many were poorly educated.

The survey calls for the coordination of policies and programmes for young homeless between government departments, local authorities and voluntary organizations.

Proliferation of the penny

Demand rises for Mint's lowliest coin

By Boris Johnson

While the Chancellor of the Exchequer may be keeping an effective grip on the pound, no one can prevent the unexpected proliferation of its humbler relative, the penny.

The presses of the Royal Mint at Llantrisant in Wales are working full time to meet the surge in demand for its lowliest product, estimated at 50 per cent higher over the past two months than at the same time last year.

Mr Martin Cragg, assistant director of the Mint, said: "We are hard pressed to meet the current high demand. Requiremernts have increased enormously and it has taken us completely by surprise. We may have to introduce overtime and reduce production of other coins to cope with it."

The Mint admits it is at a loss for a definitive explanation for the sudden increase but a theory gaining ground in numismatic circles, is that, in an increasingly affluent society, the penny may be suffering from what is being called "the losability factor".

According to one of Britain's leading numismatists, Mr Terence Volk, of the Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge, the problem is people just do not bother to pick them up. The penny, weighing 3.56 grammes and 20.32 millimetres in diameter, lacks the necessary value. "If it was an old penny, simply dropping it on the floor would make you aware of it. You would hear it landing." Mr Volk goes on to compare the biblical parable of the woman having 10 pieces of silver and the recent experience of Mr Brian Williams, a sales director of the Royal Mint.

Having lost one of her pieces of silver, the woman scoured her house until it was found again — quite unlike the recent behaviour of Mr Williams' fellow passengers aboard a London Underground train, who were able to ignore the temptation of a penny lying on the floor for more than 20 minutes.

Less anyone should blame the decadence of the age, Mr Volk is quick to point out society has been this way before, for instance in the fourth century of the Roman empire, in the reign of Constantius II.

"The volume of finds made on archaeological sites are of such poor value coins that they are most probably ones people did not bother to pick up. This was due to the large differential in value between the smallest coin, the nummus, and the silver coin which was the next denomination up. People used handfuls of nummi to buy things and to lose a few of them did not really matter.

At the Royal Mint, officials say it is not just the "losability factor" which has caused the increase in demand for the penny, of which there are now 4.6 billion in circulation, as opposed to 3.9 billion in 1986.

Demand for pennies increases if a new price range becomes more common — for instance, if a newspaper costs 31p instead of 30p — and people have to fish around for the extra coin, Mr Cragg said.

He also pointed to the tendency to store pennies in giant whisky bottles in public houses, and their continuing usefulness in giving change when the price of goods was 99p. Another was the magpie instinct of tourists.

He concluded: "Over time we must expect the lowest value coin to become worthless and higher value coins introduced. We saw this with the withdrawal of the ½p coin but we have no intention of doing away with the penny."

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Retired brigadier shares win

A car, a holiday and family gifts are being considered by the three winners of the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000.

Mr William Aylwin, aged 78, of Charnes Farm House, Eccleshall, Staffordshire, a retired brigadier, said that he and his wife, Valentine, were thinking of giving some of the windfall to their three grandchildren.

Mr Byron Jennings, aged 38 and an immigration officer, of Whitfield in Dover, Kent, said the win was well-timed, because his car was bound for the "scrapyard in the sky" and he planned to buy a newer one to travel to work.

Mr Harold Gibb, a chartered surveyor, of Cwmbran, Gwent, Wales, also won £1,333.33. He said he would spend the money on a family holiday.

Mr William Aylwin: gifts for his grandchildren.

No jail for man after sex change

By Craig Seton

A man who underwent a sex change operation escaped a jail sentence yesterday after a judge at Birmingham Crown Court was told that she would go to an all-male prison.

Judge Dillon ordered Amanda West, a social worker, aged 29, to do 225 hours' community service.

West, of Weoley Castle, West Midlands, admitted obtaining £2,500 from the Woolwich Building Society by deception, two offences of attempting to obtain a further £5,000, and a charge of supplying false information.

Baby cremated

An coroner's officer was the only mourner yesterday when an unidentified baby was cremated at Swindon, Wiltshire. The girl, known only as "Baby X", was found dead in a cardboard box in January.

GP challenge

A doctor was given permission yesterday to challenge in the High Court a magistrates' decision to start committal proceedings which could lead to his trial for raping a patient in 1979. The doctor, from Tyne and Wear, was Bradford locum at that time.

School show

The Rev Christopher Jenkin, rector of St Paul's, Barrow, Cumbria, has complained to the parent-teacher association that the local Church of England junior school musical contained sexual innuendo with young girls wiggling their hips.

Marriage over

Sir Michael Edwardes, aged 57 and chairman of the Chloride Group, was divorced by his wife, Mary, in the London Divorce Court yesterday after 30 years of marriage on the ground that they have not lived together for more than two years.

Bamber plea

An application will be made in the Court of Appeal in London tomorrow on behalf of Jeremy Bamber, aged 27, who is serving five life sentences for shooting dead members of his family.

Pilot buried

Flight Lieutenant Peter Stacey, aged 38, who died when his Meteor jet crashed during a display at Coventry airport was buried with full military honours yesterday at Scampton parish churchyard near his RAF base in Lincolnshire.

Instant justice

Drink-drivers in Derbyshire could be banned from driving hours after being arrested. Police at Alfreton yesterday warned that anybody arrested for drink-driving in their area will appear before magistrates the next morning.

Cell incident

A senior police officer from Leicestershire will investigate allegations that Mr Keith Lambert, aged 32, who has a mental age of between seven and nine years since suffering liver failure, was beaten up in a police cell at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

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Strong consumer element as committee recommends 'a legal revolution'

Do-it-yourself plan in sweeping law reforms

- **Reforms which could pave the way for a system of civil justice geared to the consumer and revolutionize lawyers' working practices were put to the Lord Chancellor yesterday.**
- **Its suggestions include a massive transfer of work from the High Court to the county courts.**
- **Small-claims *litigants* would be allowed to appoint a lay representative of their choice *and the scope of* small claims courts would be widened, partly by doubling the cut-off to £1,000.**
- **A training scheme for judges and a 50 per cent cut in their holiday entitlement, and a new, upper tier of circuit court judges to handle weightier cases.**
- **Lawyers would be allowed to publicize fees and the ban on the contingency (no win, no fee) system would *be reviewed*.**
- ***Enhanced responsibility* for county court registrars, empowering them to hear claims of up to £5,000 and to be called "Judge".**

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Sweeping proposals under which the civil courts would be far more geared to do-it-*yourself* justice without the need for lawyers were outlined in a report to the Lord Chancellor on civil justice yesterday.

The report, from a team of Lord Chancellor's *officials* advised by a lay committee under Sir Maurice Hodgson, chairman of British Home Stores, recommends some of the most far-reaching proposals for change this century in the way lawyers and the courts work.

The proposals are aimed at reducing delays, *costs* and complexity, the hallmarks of the civil courts in England and Wales.

The report follows a major review, which was set up by Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the last but one Lord Chancellor, makes 91 recommendations based on 760 submissions received over three years.

The review team looked at five areas of *civil* court work: personal injuries, debt, housing, commercial and small *claims*.

"The approach adopted throughout is to propose reforms which can be implemented at an early date, in an *economical* manner and *in* such a way as to engage the energies of all concerned."

In 1986 259,000 cases were started in the High Court and 2.5 million in the county courts and in most cases there are excessive delays in coming to trial which "undermine justice", the report says.

The review found, for *example, that in personal* injuries cases, the time taken from the date when an accident *happened, to the date* when proceedings commenced, was *19* months in the High Court in London and 18 months in the provinces. It was 14 months in the county court.

In 65 per cent of cases, proceedings had not been started within a year after the incident.

"Delay on the scale found by *the* review undermines justice," the report says. "It reduces the *availability* of evidence and erodes the reliability of that which is *available, denies compensa*tion to those who are entitled to it until long after it is most needed, tends to legitimize inefficiency in the offices of lawyers and in the courts and, crucially, saps public confidence in the capacity of the courts *to do justice*."

Delay also "causes continuing personal stress, anxiety and financial hardship to ordinary people and their families. It may induce economically weaker parties to accept unfair settlements. It also frustrates the efficient conduct *of commerce and industry*."

THE COSTS OF LITIGATION

The cost of litigation, the report says, is often "quite disproportionate to the amount involved in the claim". The legal costs of both parties in a personal injury *case often equal or exceed the* damages recovered.

COMPLEXITY AND THE LAW

Too many cases, the review found, are dealt with at "an unnecessarily high level." *Thirty* per cent of High Court trials of personal injury cases lead to awards within the county court limit of £5,000; and on the evidence received, High Court cases up to £25,000 in value could normally be dealt with in the *county court*.

Procedures for handling smaller cases, including debts, other small claims and many housing cases, are disproportionately complex; and arrangements for handling housing cases do not meet the *needs of landlords or tenants*.

The report concludes that "much of the work which is tried in the High Court is of middling or low importance, complexity or substance. This *work clogs up the lists* and delays the hearing of more substantial cases which need to be *tried* at High Court level."

The present system encourages "a tendency among some litigants and their lawyers *to make unnecessary* claims on the higher court" it says. "Even though the county court disposes of cases faster, offers earlier trials and makes better overall use of its resources, there is overall pressure upwards."

Arrangements for distributing cases need to be such that High Court judges can concentrate their *expertise* on work of real importance, while circuit judges are allocated substantial work.

In the county court, registrars should have a jurisdiction which provides them with "a wide range of responsibility appropriate to their skill and *experience*". That would enable circuit judges to concentrate on cases of weight, it says.

"The report *envisages* arbitration, tried by registrars, as a new *first* tier of civil justice: "County court arbitrations involve the minimum of delay and cost to the parties, offer relatively easy access to justice and provide substantial relief *to the rest of the system*."

On procedure, the report proposes specific reforms such as tackling the unnecessarily prolonged hearings that can result from the *emphasis on* orality.

"Early exchange of written material, including witness statements, would enable par*ties to identify earlier where* their differenfes lay, facilitate earlier settlements where appropriate, and enable trials to concentrate on the main issues."

The report also makes extensive proposals to improve access to justice. There is a particular need, it concludes, to "improve access to the system, and consequently public confidence in it."

COURT REFORM

The issue of a unified civil court was more "vigorously debated" than any other in the review. The review recommends they remain separate; *but it proposes a large transfer* in work from the High Court to the county court.

While "very basic agreement" can, the review team believes, be reached among judges at all levels, the Bar and solicitors, on the proposals in *the report, no such agreement* attaches to a unified civil court.

Sir Maurice Hodgson, who led the advisory committee

The costs of a unified court are unknown; and there are also the less tangible arguments that "public respect for the High Court judiciary may be *reduced if the High Court* ceases to exist." It might also prove more difficult to recruit High Court level judges to a single court and a *single* court would tend to undermine the independence of the High Court judges as *perceived* by Government and the public.

"The public *standing* of the judges and the recruitment of high quality candidates to the bench *depend in part* on the weight and quality of the general work done at the level of the High Court." The review says its proposals are aimed at improving that weight and quality.

Under the major shift in work to the county court, the review team envisages that all cases over £50,000 would remain in the High Court; 25 per cent of cases between £25,000 and £50,000 now tried in the High Court would *be tried in the county court*; 70 per cent of cases between £10,000 and £25,000 now tried in the High Court would be tried in the county court and all cases below *£10,000* would go to the county court.

The High Court should handle and try public law and other specialist cases; and cases of importance, complexity and substance (that is, over £25,000). There would be a *flexible band* between £25,000 and £50,000 within which cases may be tried either at the county court or High Court.

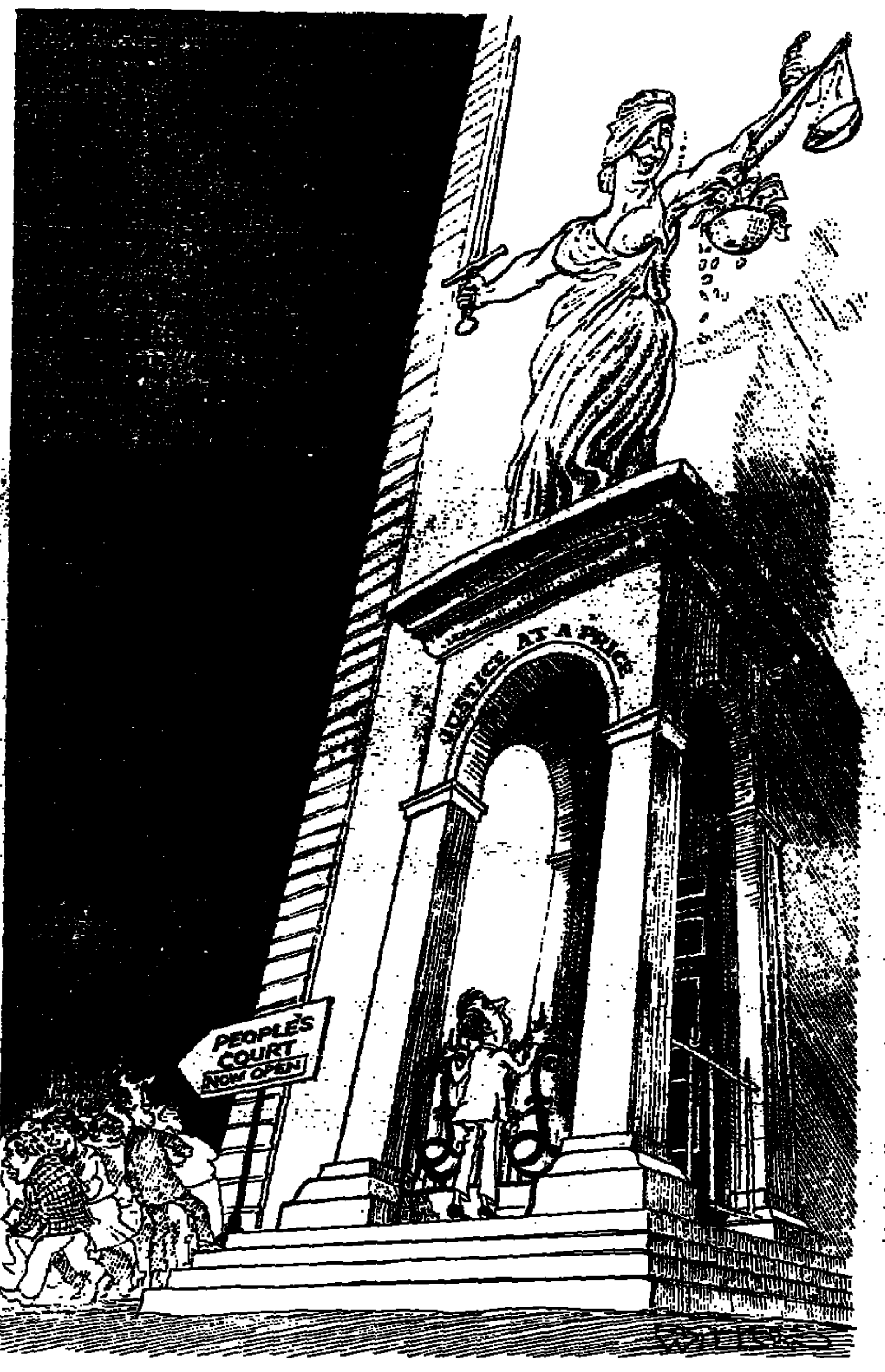
The county court would *have no upper limit on its* jurisdiction, so it could handle any case transferred to it by the High Court.

Under the proposals, most of the debt cases which make *up the "great mass of business"* in the civil courts will be handled in the county court. Debt cases account for six per cent of all High Court trials.

With personal injuries cases, which acount for 45 per cent of High Court trials, the *report proposes a single "one door"* entry system so they all start in the county court.

Of the 5,000 or so personal injury trials which take place each year in the High Court and county court, not more than 10 per cent justifu High *Court trial. Selection of this* 10 per cent can be done more effectively and with less risk of *disappointment to the parties* and the lawyers at county court level.

The report also proposes new clusters of county court trial centres. Present county courts are dispersed among 274 courts. It says trials *should* be concentrated at centres where continuous trial facilities are available. At the same *time, county court trial* facilities should be made available at the Royal Courts of Justice and other central London county courts.



> ❛Delay causes personal stress, anxiety and financial hardship to ordinary people and their families. It may induce economically weaker parties to accept unfair settlements❜

THE JUDGES

The cutting by half of the *traditional two-month summer* vacation now enjoyed by judges — as urged by the Bar *and Law Society* — as well as longer sitting days for judges is proposed to improve efficiency.

The two-month long vacation, *it* says, "*delays the* handling of cases, creates a peak in work when the court *ropens* and is wasteful of staff time, and, crucially, courtrooms."

There has been a growing tendency for High Court *judges to sit in vacation to do* ordinary as well as emergency cases and there is nothing in the rules to prevent this practice being expanded, the report says.

At the same time, it says that a five-hour working day (in court and excluding time on papers or for lunch), on five days a week, should be the working target for judges.

Statistics for 1987 show a daily average in the High Court of 4.2 hours courtroom use, excluding lunch adjourn*ment*. Again, this does not take account of actual time spent by judges. In the county court *it* was 3.5 hours a day for courtoom use.

This average is not very far off the target of five hours, the report says. But it does mean the average unused time per *courtroom is equivalent to* four hours of the 25 hours a week available for sittings (7.5 *hours in the county court)*.

A new, upper tier of circuit judges to take the heavier cases, paid at a higher rate, is proposed. At the same time, registrars *will have enhanced* status as the first tier of civil justice and have the title of judge.

Barristers as well as solicitors should be eligible for *appointment as county court* and district registrars. They should have an increased jurisdiction to handle cases of up to £5,000 and to handle small claims of up to *£1,000*.

The report assumes that registrars would take on about 10 per cent of trials now heard by circuit judges in the county court.

A huge training programme under the Judicial Studies Board for judges and registrars, and also *listing* officers and other administrators, is envisaged; and judges should be supplied with manuals on civil adjudication.

THE LAWYERS

If adopted, the report says its proposals *will* "*require* major changes in the working practices of lawyers." Both the Law Society and the Bar will need to issue specific written professional standards relating to the conduct of all principle types of litigation; and there *should* be schemes fostering specialization by practitioners "based on objective criteria of competence and experience."

There *should* be a *new* system of court control of delays, the report says. All *civil proceedings (barring* a tiny number of exceptions) would be started with a writ and from then on there would be strict timetables for progress although there will be some flexibility.

Judges will be expected to *intervene to require explana*tions for delays and as a last resort the court will have *power* to strike out a case.

Failure to comply with a court summons or a previous order to take certain steps should be grounds for being *struck out, the review* says.

In general, lawyers will have to exchange non-expert wit*ness statements* in advance of trial within a fixed period.

This will encourage earlier, better-informed settlements, the report says, and shorten trials by cutting down on oral evidence.

"The introduction of mandatory exchange of witness statements is likely to have a widespread effect on the conduct of cases before and at trial". Extended oral depositions, which are time-consuming and expensive, would become unnecessary; and it would be likely to encourage more informative pleading and admission of facts.

Another controversial proposal is for pre-*trial* hearings in the High Court. These would enable the court to narrow down the key issues and determine the trial agenda. A system of such hearings should be expanded on an experimental basis under one or more High Court judges, it says.

THE LITIGANTS

A key proposal is that litigants should *have* the right to appoint a lay person to represent or advise them in *small* claims, debt and housing case in the county court.

Lay helpers already attend small claims hearings to help litigants but they do not often seek to exercise full advocacy rights. Some registrars refuse to let them attend at *all*. But they successfully conduct cases before tribunals.

*At present litigants in per*son, and lawyers, have rights of audience in the county court; but other lay helpers can particupate only with the permission of the *judge* or registrar.

The review body says there is a *useful role for lay* representatives in helping litigants. The judges would retain dis*cretion to restrict the involve*ment of a corrupt or unruly representative and if necessary *exclude them* altogether.

It also calls for lawyers to *their charging rates per case* or per hour and be entitled to free publicity about those rates in lawyers' referral lists.

The public needs this information, the report says, because fear of cost is a major factor deterring people from using the courts to resolve disputes. For smaller cases, one solution is to enable the *claims* to be dealt with without lawyers, by arbitration.

Baby boom's end sets recruiting challenge

Employers urged to tackle training

By Roland Rudd

The end of the *post-war* baby boom could affect employers badly unless they radically alter recruitment practices, the *Government* said yesterday.

Projections by the Department of Employment *show that while the size of* the labour force as a whole will increase, the number of those aged between 16 and *19 will fall by nearly* 600,000 (23 per cent) between 1987 and 1995.

That reflects both the *falling* birth-rate and the increasing tendency of young people to remain in full-time education.

The Department of Education and Science predicts that the number of young people going on to full-time education *will* increase *from the present* 13 per cent to 18 per cent by the turn of the century.

The Training Commission *(formerly* the Manpower Services Commission) plans to launch a campaign next month, with the National *Economic* Development Council, to alert employers of the demographic change.

Employers may be tempted to take short-term *measures* such as higher pay *and improved conditions* in an attempt to appear more attractive to the dwindling number of young graduates.

However, the Training Commission suggests employers should offer the following:

- Structured training for young people when they start work. Government officials *fear that* as the *number* of young people drops, employers may be tempted to recruit youngsters without training to meet short-term needs.
- Recruitment and training of the adult unemployed, including the disabled, ethnic minorities, and adults wishing to return to the labour market or who are not using *their skills fully*.
- Training of the existing workforce to meet the demand for skilled, experienced employees. Trade unions are seen to have an important role in promoting the benefits of appropriate training.

The information drive will be backed by a mail campaign, a training handbook *will be developed for employers, and a* conference on widening the access to higher education will be organized with the Royal Society.

A report released today by the *independent Industrial Relations* Services says the difficulties will worsen for employers whose customary source of recruitment is young people.

There will be even more intense *competition for the* small section of school-leavers with a least two A levels who do not go on to further education.

Twenty large employers, including banks and the Civil Service, are already *recruiting more than half the school*-leavers in this small group.

Health authorities believe the situation is even starker in nursing, where if recruitment patterns are not changed, *the profession will have to recruit more* than half all female school leavers with five O levels.

The Government is urging schools to encourage girls to take up science and technology *subjects because of the new* opportunities available.

The change in youth employment market should also make it easier for women who have had a career break for child care to return to full-time employment.

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Yuan dynasty jar fetches £605,000

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Sotheby's repeated Christie's success with quality Chinese ceramics yesterday, setting a *world* record for Yuan dynasty blue and white ware.

It was a wide-shouldered *jar* painted with peonies seen from the front, side and back, which doubled its estimate, selling *for* £605,000 to an anonymous telephone bidder. Christie's top price on Monday, *for a* similar bowl, was £495,000, and the previous record for such a *piece* was *£548,000* ($1 million) in New York last December.

Next price, at *£225,000*, was for a large Tang dynasty figure of a court lady, her cheeks as plump as a *chipmunk's and* her feet peeping *out like little* clogs from the bottom of her robe, sold within estimate at *£225,000*. The *figure* was bought by E & J Frankel, the New York dealer.

A rare Ming-style blue and white dish from the Yongzheng period (fifteenth century), in a deep saucer shape and painted with the meandering stems of fruiting melons, fetched £100,000 over its estimate, at £170,500.

Sotheby's sale totalled £2.1 *million* with 10 per cent unsold, compared with Christie's total on Monday of £3 *million*, with 5 per cent unsold.

A painting attributed to "*circle of*" *J M W* Turner, and estimated at a modest £8,000, fetched £66,000 at *Phillips's British* paintings sale yesterday, selling to an anonymous London dealer who clearly thought *it* was authentic.

Described in the catalogue as "executed by more than an amateur hand" and painted in oil painting on paper, it was a picturesque portrayal of the ruined Harewood Castle: the same subject as an early watercolour by Turner dated 1798, and still in the collection of the Earl of Harewood. For about a century, the family which owned yesterday's painting had assumed it was Norham Castle.

A Stubbs-like painting of a bay hunter called "Old Brush", by *Thomas* Woodward, tripled its upper estimate at £33,000.

A private English collector swept the board of top lots at Christie's English and continental glass sale. He or she spent £38,500 on the top lot, a trumpet-shaped goblet, probably made in Dublin, commemorating William III.

Anger as theft case is dropped

Police officers were *angry* yesterday after charges were dropped against two Yugoslav women said to be members of an international gang of pro*fessional pickpockets*.

The women, Mrs Semsa Djuric, aged 22, who was pregnant, and Miss Mekina Andreic, aged 21, had been accused of *trying to steal* money from a handbag at the Chelsea Flower Show.

The *magistrate*, Mr Charles Davidson, dropped the charges at Horseferry Road court, despite Crown Prosecution Service resistance. He decided it was best *to let* the women leave Britain rather than deport them at the taxpayers' expense.

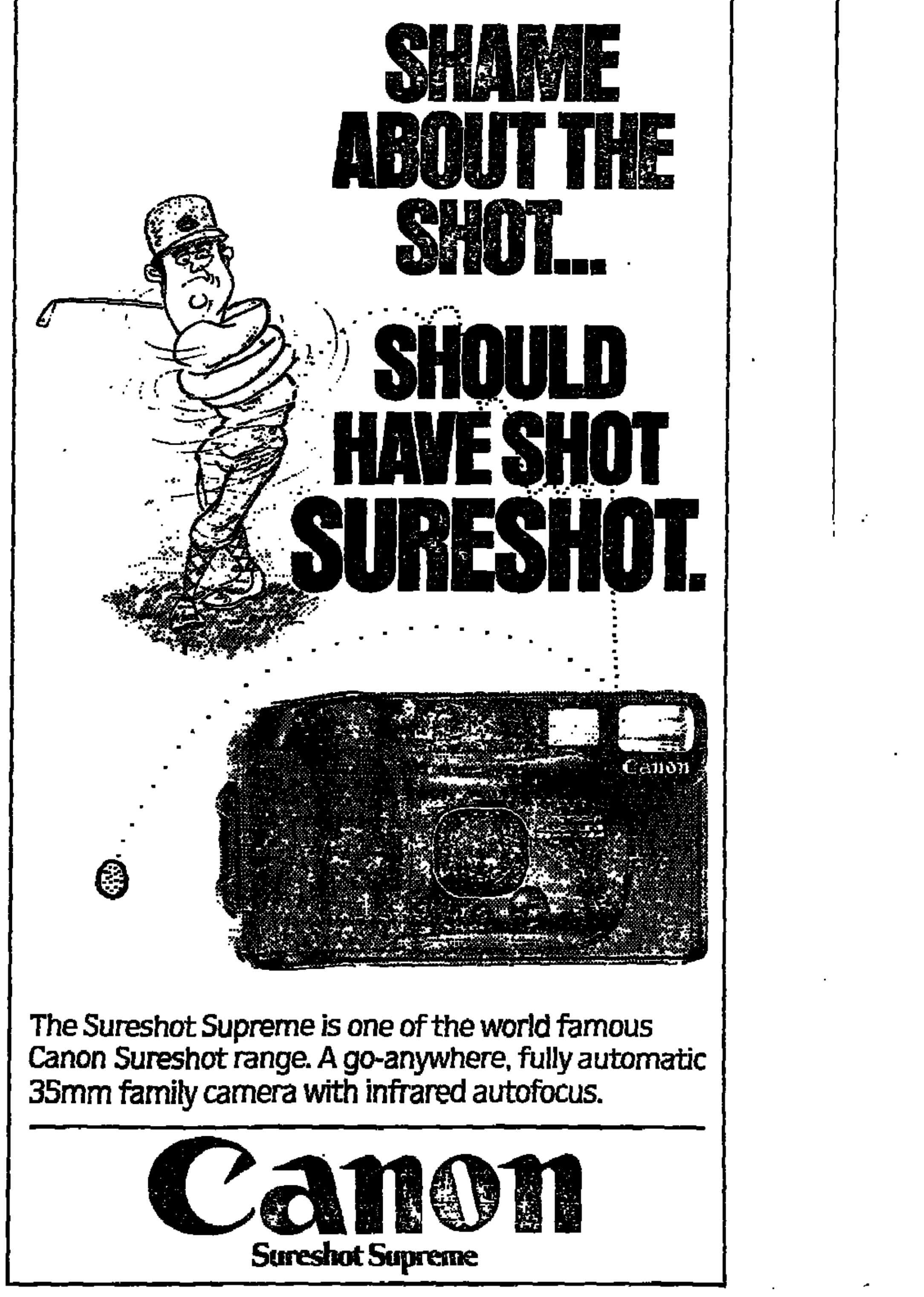
The two women were said to have been wearing apron-type garments with pouches under their clothes, and one to have had *more* than £200 in banknotes stuffed into her clothing when they were arrested.

Police later arrested the women's husbands and a third man after *discovering* they all entered Britain on false Italian papers two weeks earlier.

Police Constable Dick Freeman told the magistrate: "We have knowledge from Interpol that *they* are part of an international gang of pickpockets".

Mr Davidson bound the women over in the sum of £1,000 to be of good behav*iour* for a year, and told them: "You must leave today or tomorrow".

PC Freeman said later: "At least 30 hours' police time was spent on this, and God knows how long the immigration authorities have spent on it. We have to struggle to get overtime allowed on cases like this."



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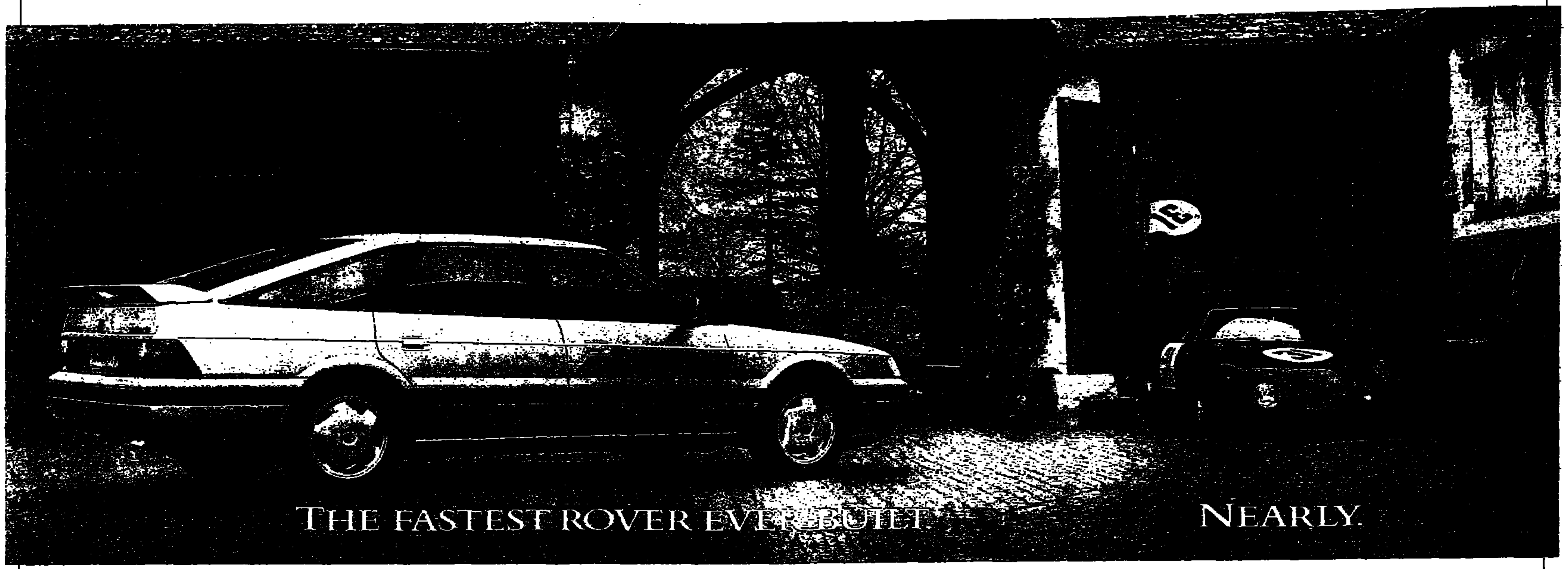

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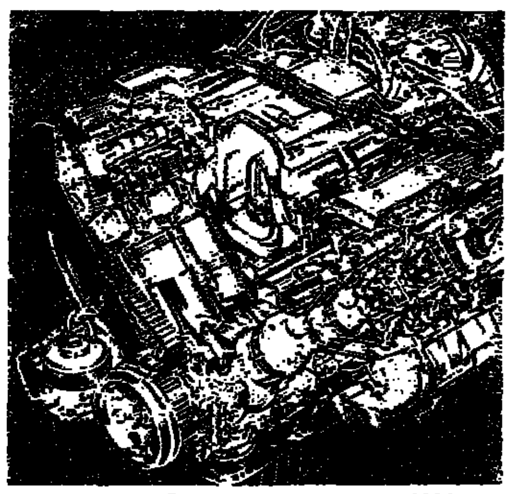

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Too many inner-city GPs' surgeries 'sub-standard'

By Martin Fletcher and Jill Sherman

More than 40 per cent of all inner-city doctors' premises are substandard and one in seven surgeries in England is unsatisfactory, according to a report from the National Audit Office.

The office said that although the Government devoted more than £77 million last year to improving GPs' premises, conditions in many were still below the minimum standards set by family practitioner committees.

Many surgeries failed to provide adequate washing facilities, privacy or enough space in either consulting rooms or waiting rooms. At some surgeries access for the elderly or the disabled was difficult.

The report, which claims that government arrangements for managing primary health services are riddled with weaknesses, blames family practitioner committees for failing to ensure improvements in premises. It also says the Department of Health and Social Security has failed to give enough support.

The report also says that GPs often fail to hire adequate numbers of ancillary workers. Although all GPs are allowed 70 per cent reimbursement for two ancillary staff, including nurses, to help in their surgeries, most premises in London had fewer members of staff.

Of the seven committees specifically examined by the audit office, the worst were Lambeth, in south London, and Sandwell, in the Midlands, where only [illegible] and 35 per cent of premises respectively were found to be satisfactory.

A [illegible] survey of regional medical officers indicated that [illegible] of inner-city areas had generally sub-standard doctors' premises, though the situation was gradually improving.

The audit office said poor accommodation inhibited high standards of care. It noted that general practitioners had taken increased advantage of financial incentives to improve their premises, and that the £77 milion spent by committees in 1986-87 doubled the figure for 1980-81.

However, many committees failed to conduct regular inspections as stipulated by the DHSS, in some cases because of staff shortages. In addition, few exerted their right to withhold rent and rates reimbursements from sub-standard premises.

The British Medical Association admitted yesterday that several surgeries had peeling paintwork, untreated dampness, insufficient bathrooms and limited changing facilities for patients.

However, it said recent government moves to limit cash grants for GPs' premises and to privatize the General Practice Finance Corporation, which gives loans for surgeries, would make the situation even worse.

A spokesman said the BMA had already approached ministers about the poor state of premises. "GPs want to refurbish and extend their premises to take on extra work such as minor surgery but they are unable to get the grants to do so."

The audit office report said that family practitioner committees had amassed little reliable information on the quality of the services being offered to the public.

There was inadequate monitoring of commercial deputizing services employed by some practitioners, despite clear evidence of abuse of government guidelines.

Failure by the committees to quantify the number of homeless and rootless in their areas also meant the DHSS had been unable to make a nationwide assessment of the scale of that problem.

Senior officials in the health department will be questioned on the report by MPs on the Commons public accounts committee later this month.

The DHSS decided in the early 1980s that the committees should take a more active role in the management of family practitioner services, and introduced measures to achieve that in 1985.

However, the audit office found that on a number of important counts the new arrangements were not working, and that "much remains to be done" before they become fully effective. In particular, there was an urgent need for guidance both on policy priorities and planning procedures from the DHSS to the committees.

The committees had no coherent method of obtaining information on the quality and effectiveness of services being offered to the public, relying instead on complaints, contact with practitioners and comments by community health councils.

Their long-term strategic planning was inadequate, and they were not collaborating as effectively as they might with other relevant bodies.

The committees complained of financial constraints and inadequate training arrangements for their staff.

Management of Family Practitioner Services, report by the Comptroller and Auditor General, National Audit Office (Stationery Office; £4.50).

Artist labours for portrait prize

By Andrew Billen

A fine art graduate who has subsidized his career by working on building sites since leaving college two years ago won the John Player Portrait Award yesterday.

Mr Allan Ramsay's self-portrait (left) was described by the judges as "powerful and acute", the work of an artist who seemed to know exactly what he was doing.

After receiving a cheque for £8,000, to which will be added a commission worth £2,000 to paint a sitter for the National Portrait Gallery, Mr Ramsay, aged 29, said he would be saying farewell to labouring.

"Until now I have worked a couple of weeks, then painted a couple of weeks. [illegible] full [illegible]. Eight thousand pounds will keep me going [illegible]," he said.

Mr Ramsay, who is originally from [illegible] but now lives in north London, has a BA in fine art.

Dr John Hayes, director of the National Portrait Gallery, said Mr Ramsay's entry was the best in nine years of the competition. It is designed to encourage young British artists to specialize in portraiture, and attracted [illegible] entries, of which 59 have been selected to hang in the *Portrait Award 88* exhibition from today.

Other winners: second prize (£1,500): George Melling; third prize ([illegible]): Peter Edwards; specially commended (£100): [illegible], J B W Cole, John Notter, John Whittall, and Steven Williams.

Prisoners moved from riot-hit jail

By Peter Davenport

Three hundred men held in the riot-damaged Haverigg prison were transferred to other prisons yesterday.

Before the disturbances on Sunday evening during which 100 rioting inmates damaged 28 buildings, the prison, on the coast in Cumbria, held 515 men.

Yesterday the Home Office confirmed that only 200 are still held there.

The report into the incident, apparently triggered by an order to inmates to remove pin-up pictures, is still being compiled by Mr Ian Lockwood, the governor, for Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Mr Lockwood has also asked the police in Cumbria to consider whether criminal charges, as well as any internal disciplinary punishments, can be brought against any of those prisoners involved in the incident.

A total of 25 prisoners escaped during the incident and last night three of them were still on the run. They were named by the Home Office yesterday as Stephen Johnson, aged 24, who was serving 18 months for going equipped to steal; Michael Humphries, 38, serving two and a half years for attempted burglary and driving offences and Malcolm Eugene Hamilton, 22, serving 15 months for burglary.

Although the men are not believed to be dangerous police have advised anyone who may see them in their distinctive prison uniforms of blue trousers and striped shirts not to tackle them.

The council in Millom, the nearest town to the prison, has called for tighter security.

● Nine prison inmates alleged to have gone on the rampage in a remand block at Bedford prison last March were remanded when they appeared in the town's magistrates' court yesterday, charged with riot and criminal damage.

● A prisoner from Camp Hill jail on the Isle of Wight was recaptured yesterday, one hour and 20 minutes after escaping while on an outside working party.

Whitehall link in housing dispute

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

A housing association subsidized by the Department of the Environment has adopted a controversial role in the construction of 4,800 homes in rural Hampshire.

Although the department is supposed to be neutral — it may eventually have to decide on the planning application at Foxley Wood, near Bramshill — the North Housing Association, which comes under its wing, has joined the consortium of private builders wanting to develop the site.

The public inquiry into the scheme that opened last week was surprised by an open endorsement given to the project by the Department of Trade and Industry. The neutrality of Whitehall will be further questioned, especially since the entrepreneurial activities of the association have been praised by ministers.

The association is a non-profit-making group regulated by the department of the Environment's Housing Corporation. It receives housing grants allowing it to build lower-cost homes for leasing, and was recently encouraged by Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for Housing, to take over council housing and raise loans in the City.

Mr Alan Kilburn, the association's director, has agreed with Consortium Developments to join the Foxley Wood scheme and offer 400 dwellings for rent.

Mr Richard Bate, of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said the inclusion of lower-cost housing for rent was a gimmick intended to sway the planning inspector to approve the overall scheme.

The Housing Corporation said it had not been consulted about the association's involvement with Foxley Wood.

"We are broadly quite happy; they are old and big enough to know what they are doing."

Offshore fish farms 'could end shortages'

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Cod "farms" at sea may be operating around the British coast before the end of the century, according to the Sea Fish Industry Authority.

In a report published yesterday the authority says that, with growing pressure on wild stocks in EEC waters, there is a significant opportunity for marine farming to provide species which are in short supply.

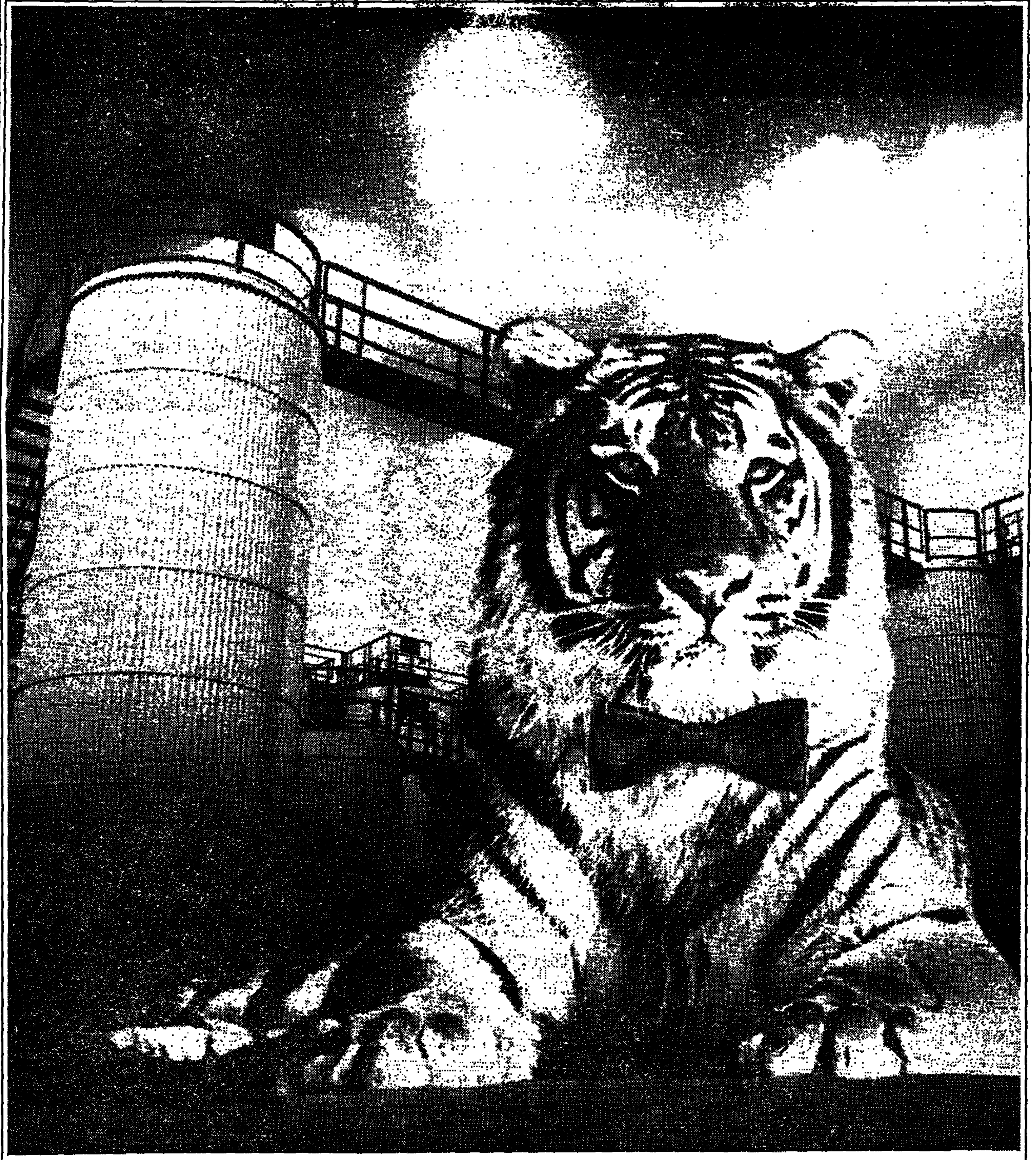
For example, the cod quota allowed to British fishermen under the common fisheries policy meets less than half the domestic demand. About 200,000 tonnes of cod are imported every year, which could be replaced with farmed fish if cost-effective methods can be devised.

Inshore and inland salmon and trout farming has expanded enormously in recent years, and has stimulated interest in the possibility of applying the same techniques to marine species. So far, only turbot has proved to be commercially viable. The authority is also conducting trials with halibut, which have been bred in captivity.

Shellfish offer considerable potential; production of queen scallops already exceeds 300 tonnes a year, and prospects for the more profitable king scallops, Manila clams and mussels are being pursued.

● Trout anglers at Ynysfro reservoir, Gwent, South Wales, are patrolling its shores at night in the hope of trapping a gang believed to be smuggling trout-eating pike into their waters.

The Newport Reservoirs Fly Fishing Association is offering a £200 reward for information leading to the capture of the pike smugglers.



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Party agenda highlights rift over Gorbachov reforms

By Mary Dejevsky

An idea of the conflicts which are raging behind the scenes in the approach to this month's Communist Party conference was given by the "theses" for the meeting, which were published recently in the Soviet press.

The propositions constitute the agenda and guidelines for the conference. But their careful wording and numerous contradictions illustrate that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has still not convinced all his colleagues of the need for radical economic or political reform.

The most obvious inconsistencies relate to political reform and curbing the power of the party. The first thesis guarantees — and then withdraws — the right to free political expression.

"The formation of real pluralism of opinions and open comparison of ideas and interests are a characteristic feature of our time," it says. It notes later: "While supporting diversity of opinions, the CPSU (Communist Party of the Soviet Union) Central Committee emphasizes that debates are fruitful only when conducted on the basis, and in the name, of socialism.

"They must not lead to political confrontation or disunite social forces which would complicate the solution of tasks vital to our whole society."

The defensiveness persists. It continues: "While condemning factionalism, Lenin was resolutely opposed to persecuting party comrades for dissent on particular issues." The precise distinction between dissent and factionalism is something that many will find puzzling. Mr Gorbachov's deputy, Mr Yegor Ligachov, and the former head of the Moscow party organization, Mr Boris Yeltsin, for instance, are unlikely to agree on a definition.

On the crucial area of the economy, the theses contain a ringing condemnation of "command methods" — an indirect way of condemning central planning itself. Lest anyone should think that this method should therefore be abandoned, however, the theses warn that the present economic reforms mark only the initial stage of a transitional period.

The desired end is only hinted at. It says that "life raises the serious issue of the development of economic competitiveness as an antidote to monopolism, stagnation and conservatism" — but does not commit delegates to deciding whether that is a good thing.

Any decision on price reform (the euphemism for steep price rises), perhaps the most sensitive of all economic questions facing Mr Gorbachov, has also been postponed.

According to the theses, "price reform must be thoroughly prepared and carried out in due time" because otherwise people's living standards will not rise.

On the other hand, "it should be emphasized that retail prices must be revised without detriment to the population's living standard".

Academic freedom is subject to the same approach. Freedom of investigation is coupled with "the matter of the artist's responsibility for the destiny of the country".

Nationalities policy also has its two sides. The seventh thesis calls for a policy which "combines the satisfaction of the interests of all nations with their drawing together" and speaks of "an organizational combination of autonomy ... with responsibility for union-wide state interests".

These requirements are not easy to combine, as recent events in the Caucasus, with communal violence between Azerbaijanis and Armenians, have demonstrated.

As for the role of the party, the theses hold out — in principle — the prospect of the party retreating to an exclusively "guiding role" and allowing economic managers to manage.

The fifth thesis notes: "It is necessary to preclude the adoption by party committees of any resolutions containing direct instructions to state and economic bodies."

But it continues: "The CPSU pursues its political course via Communists working in the organs of state power and all spheres of society's life." Even the much-publicized proposition to limit the tenure of party officials to two five-year terms has a loophole: officials can obtain a third term if no fewer than three-quarters of a party committee approve it in a secret ballot.

The theses make other attempts to limit the power of the party apparatus which will be equally hard to implement.

It is proposed that the five-yearly party congresses should not be the only forums that can make changes in the composition of the Central Committee.

There is a suggestion that the nomenklatura, the system of keeping lists of people qualified for particular jobs, should be discontinued, so opening senior positions to non-communists.

It is also proposed that the authority of the soviets — the local and regional government organs — *vis-à-vis* the party committees should be enhanced.

This last idea, like the attempts to separate party and government functions, is regularly advocated by any leader who faces economic problems or finds the party apparatus lukewarm to his reformist ideas. In the past, such attempts have had little effect, for the simple reason that the soviets comprise many of the same people as the party committees.

The one area where Mr Gorbachov and the reformists appear to have got their way is the law. The eighth thesis emphasizes unambiguously the need for everyone to be equal before the law. It also calls for the recognition of human rights, not just in the social sphere, but also in intellectual and political life.

Specifically mentioned are the "constitutional rights" of freedom of speech, of the press, and of assembly; the freedom to hold rallies, street processions and protests; freedom of conscience; the "inviolability" of the person and the home; and "confidentiality of correspondence and telephone conversations".

Mr Gorbachov's own previous statement — that everything should be regarded as permitted if it is not expressly prohibited by law — is also included in this thesis.

If that concept is adopted by the party conference undiluted and then put into practice — two big ifs — then the ambiguities in the other theses could eventually be clarified in his favour.

Official's speech on refuseniks sparks bitter Moscow row

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

In an unprecedented exercise in *glasnost*, leading Israeli legal figures and a senior Soviet official in charge of executing the Kremlin's controversial emigration policy clashed publicly yesterday at an international seminar here.

Twenty-five delegates from Israel were permitted to attend the two-day conference organized jointly by the International Bar Association and the Association of Soviet lawyers, which was attended by some 600 delegates from 30 countries.

But a further 18 Israelis were excluded, 11 as they attempted to make their way to Moscow from London and six more who were leaving from Tel Aviv.

The refusal by the Kremlin to grant the 18 would-be delegates visas which had been promised earlier was bitterly attacked by Mr Yacov Ruben, chairman of the Israeli Bar Association.

Mr Ruben accused the International Bar Association of failing to protest strongly enough against the exclusion of the Israeli participants, despite previous pledges from the Soviet authorities that all those delegates wanting to attend the seminar would be given the necessary entry papers.

"There was some false rumour being circulated that we intended to mount a joint demonstration with Soviet refuseniks," Mr Ruben said.

"That is an absolute nonsense. We are a law-abiding body and our people had no intention of doing anything of the kind. There was no reason why the excluded people were picked on."

In making his vehement protest, Mr Ruben shocked the audience by reading from a viciously anti-Semitic leaflet, translated from Russian, which he claimed was now being circulated on the Moscow Metro.

It referred to "dirty Jews" masquerading under the nationality of Russians, and Mr Ruben said pointedly that he hoped that its sentiments were not reflected in the Kremlin decision over the visas for the Israeli team.

The ball was then taken by Mr Rudolph Kuznetsov, the director of the visas department at the Soviet Ministry of the Interior. He gave a speech which attempted to prove that there was scarcely anything of a Jewish refusenik problem in the Soviet Union after the recent softening of visa restrictions. To angry murmurings from Israelis and other leading Jewish activisits in the auditorium, Mr Kuznetsov argued that the total number of Jews whose applications had been temporarily refused was only about 400. These, he said, had been rejected mainly because they were in possession of state secrets.

His claim was vigorously challenged by Professor Yoram Dinstein, professor of international law at Tel Aviv University, who was given a last-minute visa to attend, having had his original application refused. He quoted Council of Europe statistics to show that some 25,000 Soviet Jews out of 37,500 who had visa applications sent to them from Israel as of January 1, 1987, still had not received permission to leave.

Professor Dinstein called for the introduction of a Soviet statute of limitations. He said this was urgently needed to prevent emigration to Israel being delayed for up to 20 years because of applicants' alleged knowledge in the past of state secrets.

Israeli soldiers and an Arab helping Mr Hassan Tawil, the Israeli-appointed Arab mayor of el-Bireh in the occupied territories, after he was stabbed in the chest yesterday.

Israeli-appointed Arab mayor hurt in knife attack

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

One of the dwindling band of Israeli-appointed Arab mayors in the occupied territories was seriously injured yesterday when he was stabbed in the chest near the municipal building in el-Bireh.

Mr Hassan Tawil took over as mayor there from his cousin Abrahim, who was expelled six years ago. Since then he has co-operated closely with the Israeli military authorities in running the town, which is about 10 miles north of Jerusalem.

He has continued working despite frequent warnings from the underground leadership of the present unrest in the territories to all such mayors to resign. The campaign has been only partially successful, although the mayor of Nablus, the largest city in the West Bank, has effectively ceased to carry out his duties. A similar campaign against Arab policemen succeeded in persuading about half of them to resign after one was stabbed to death.

Yesterday's attack on Mr Tawil was made in daylight and those who held and stabbed him escaped before the Army was alerted.

The attack is meant to be a warning to Arab mayors and municipal officials still working with the Israeli authorities. Their co-operation is extremely important both in administering the territories and in plans for eventually extending greater autonomy to the Palestinians.

Mr Richard Shifter, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights, yesterday met Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron, the Israeli Chief of Staff, after a tour of the territories to see conditions at first hand. He was seeking detailed clarification of the procedures meant to be followed by the Army in controlling demonstrations and in handling prisoners.

Shortly after Mr Shifter's tour on Monday the second nine-month-old baby within a week was taken to hospital in the Gaza Strip, having lost an eye after being hit by a rubber bullet.

● **CAIRO**: Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, left the Middle East a frustrated man yesterday, urging Arabs and Israelis to compromise (Reuter reports).

But Mr Shultz, who was ending a five-day mission with no tangible progress, vowed to keep trying. "The United States will remain heavily involved ... there will be no diminution of the American effort," he said after meeting President Mubarak of Egypt to round off his fourth deadlocked peace shuttle.

WORLD ROUNDUP

7 killed as black strike continues

Johannesburg — The strike by hundreds of thousands of South African blacks in protest against political restrictions and draft legislation to tighten curbs on trade unions continued into its second day yesterday, but at a slightly lower level of absenteeism (Michael Hornsby writes).

At the same time, the Government's Bureau for Information reported that seven blacks had been killed in an upsurge of violence over the previous 24 hours, some of it clearly related to the "stayaway", as the strike is called.

The police, meanwhile, said they would not comment on the stoppage, or incidents connected with it, as this would violate regulations issued under the state of emergency prohibiting any publicity for such industrial action. The police warned newspapers that they would be infringing the regulations if they published any material indicating how successful the "stayaway" had been. Johannesburg's evening newspaper, *The Star*, carried this warning on its front page but then proceeded to ignore it in its own report of the strike.

Le Pen makes a deal

Paris — Conservative politicians in Marseilles emerged from their smoke-filled rooms yesterday with a deal that keeps a few National Front candidates in the running for Sunday's decisive round of the parliamentary election but which may have damaging repercussions for the centrist alliance (Philip Jacobson writes). With the final list of candidates closing at midnight, that apparently concludes the hectic horsetrading that followed the unexpectedly close opening round. After protracted haggling, M Jean-Marie Le Pen has agreed to withdraw National Front candidates in six constituencies in the Bouches-Du-Rhône region — which includes Marseilles — where they trailed behind those of the centrist alliance, Union for Rally and the Centre (URC).

Pope's Kremlin note

Rome — The Pope has written to Mr Gorbachov expressing the hope that he will soon be able to visit the Soviet Union (Roger Boyes writes). The letter will be delivered by Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican Secretary of State, who heads the Roman Catholic delegation to Moscow to mark the millennium of Christianity in Russia. A letter from the Pope to a Soviet Leader was described by officials yesterday as unprecedented. The Pope clearly wants the status of the Ukranian Catholic Church legalized but it is not clear whether this would be a precondition of a pastoral trip.

Plea on chemical war

New York — Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, called yesterday at the United Nations for an automatic international investigation whenever a state was accused of using chemical weapons — as in the Gulf War (A Correspondent writes). Britain has been leading the campaign against chemical warfare, and Sir Geoffrey gave a warning to the General Assembly, which is holding a special session on disarmament issues, that long-standing taboos on the military use of poisons were breaking down and barbarism was again stalking the planet.

Rafsanjani re-elected

Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani was re-elected yesterday as Speaker of the IranianParliament, cementing his position as one of Tehran's most powerful men. The Iranian news agency, monitored in London, reported that he received 187 votes with none against. Ayatollah Khomeini made him acting armed forces chief last week.

Emergency summit in Algeria

Arab leaders weigh up strategy on Palestinians

From A Correspondent Algiers

An extraordinary Arab summit meeting opened here yesterday, officially to discuss and support the Palestinian uprising in the territories occupied by Israel.

But a few days ago, the agenda was informally widened to include other regional issues, including the resumption of relations between Algeria and Morocco. The five countries of the Maghreb — Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Mauritania — will also take the opportunity to arrange a mini-summit within the meeting, officials said.

King Hassan of Morroco, who arrived by boat in Algiers, is on his first visit here since 1973. He is one of the key figures at the summit after last week's reconciliation with President Chadli of Algeria, whose country supports the Polisario Front's fight against Morocco for independence in Western Sahara. The organization, which has its headquarters in Algiers, was asked to keep a low profile during the meeting.

The summit is the occasion for a meeting between Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, and King Husain of Jordan. They have not seen each other since November and have broken off their efforts to reach a joint Jordanian-Palestinian position. Arab diplomats in Algiers say that King Husain will ask the PLO leader to define clearly what he wants the Amman administration to do towards resolving the Palestinian question.

Mr Arafat, whose position in the Arab world has been strengthened by the six-month uprising in the occupied territories, would also like to see the Arab countries reject the peace plan which has been proposed by Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State.

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq is absent from the summit. But Baghdad's position in its war with Iran will be defended by its allies, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Facing them will be President Assad of Syria, Iran's only Arab ally. The Syrians' latest policies in Lebanon, which have distanced Damascus from Tehran, have improved Mr Assad's image, winning his country access to badly-needed financial support from the Arabs.

● **Onslaught call**: The underground leadership of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories called on Arab leaders yesterday to open their borders to direct attacks on Israel by guerrilla forces (AP reports).

The statement, reported by the Palestinian news agency Wafa, was addressed to the Arab leaders at the start of the summit. The underground leaders said that the Arab nations bordering Israel should "open their borders to Palestinian combatants".

● **KUWAIT**: The Emir of Kuwait flew to the summit aboard the Kuwaiti Boeing 747 that was hijacked to Algiers in April by Shia gunmen who killed two passengers in an attempt to press the Kuwait authorities to release prisoners.

● **CAIRO** — President Mubarak of Egypt left on an unannounced visit to Iraq for talks with President Hussein on the Iran-Iraq war and other regional issues.

Beirut bomb kills three at Syrian checkpoint

Beirut (Reuter) — A car bomb exploded near a Syrian checkpoint in Muslim west Beirut yesterday, killing three people and wounding 17, in a fresh blow to the security drive by Damascus in Lebanon.

Security sources said that a Mercedes car containing 33lb of explosives blasted the seafront Maramel area, where Syrian troops have manned checkpoints since February. Civil defence officials said that the injured included two Syrian soldiers and two Lebanese policemen manning the checkpoint.

The area, an intersection leading to south Lebanon and Beirut airport, is usually packed with motorists. It was the second explosion in a week, arousing fears of a wave of attacks before the presidential elections due by September.

Christian hardline leaders accused Damascus and its Lebanese allies of masterminding the blast to put pressure on them to accept Syrian-backed plans for Lebanon.

A Reuter photographer, Jamal Saiidi, said Lebanese policemen stormed a BMW car carrying three armed men, killing one of them. Other witnesses said the people in the car were believed to be Iranian-backed Hezbollah (Party of God) gunmen, trying to drive through the area, who became angry when the police stopped them.

Democrat camps square up for some tough talking

From Charles Bremner, Los Angeles

Mr Michael Dukakis, virtually certain of the Democratic nomination, embarks today on one of the toughest negotiating tasks of his career — picking a running mate and appeasing the Rev Jesse Jackson.

As California, New Jersey, Montana and New Mexico voted in the final primaries yesterday, the Jackson and Dukakis camps squared up for manoeuvering that could lead to the party elders' nightmare — open dispute at the convention in Atlanta next month.

For the first time in months, Mr Jackson raised the spectre on Monday night as polls showed that Mr Dukakis was virtually certain to gain the 2,081 delegates needed to secure the party nomination.

"I'm pointing the governor and the party in a progressive direction," Mr Jackson said. "Either the governor will offer leadership on these basic issues or he'll be following the wave of the convention taking him out to sea."

Mr Jackson said he was prepared to fight for a declaration that South Africa is "a terrorist state", a "commitment to family farmers" and the removal of barriers to registering voters. If Mr Dukakis would not bend on South Africa, "we'll simply meet each other on the floor in Atlanta."

On Monday, with "the sense of victory in the air," as he put it, Mr Dukakis reflected on the unity that would carry the Democrats to the presidency. He was sure Mr Jackson would fight for a Democratic victory.

Paris (AP) — Eight of the nine delegate votes representing Democrats living outside the US have been committed to Mr Michael Dukakis, the Democratic Party Committee Abroad said yesterday. A delegate with half a vote is committed to the Rev Jesse Jackson, and two quarter-votes are uncommitted.

Talking for the first time of the thorny question of the number two slot, he said Mr Paul Brountas, his friend and adviser, would head the search. So far, Senator John Glenn of Ohio tops the candidates' list, according to party insiders, who are not paying much attention to Mr Jackson's demands to be considered because they believe he has no desire for the job.

But finding the right role for Mr Jackson is a problem. Among those proposed have been "Drug Tsar" to head the "war on drugs", party chairman, ambassador at large, and Senate candidate. None of these has sparked any enthusiasm from Mr Jackson's supporters.

On the other side, guaranteed endorsement by California did little to lighten the gloom of the Bush camp. With the polls showing him falling ever behind Mr Dukakis, the Vice-President has promised supporters that he will polish his image.

"You're going to see me doing much more to put the differences in focus between me and the likely Democratic nominee," he said. "You're going to see a refurbished candiate." On Monday he also promised a "shift" that would move him out from Mr Reagan's shadow.

The only shift by Mr Bush this week is seen to have backfired. After favouring unpopular plans to drill for oil off California's northern coast, he suddenly switched to opposition on Sunday, handing Mr Dukakis a new stick with which to beat him.

Dukakis in California

Wooing the Hispanics

From Our Own Correspondent, Los Angeles

Campaigning for the presidency in the heart of California's Silicon Valley, the anointed Democratic candidate delivers standard stuff about the American dream.

"*Para cada familia — el sueño Americano. Mañana, vamos a ganar*, (For every family — the American dream. Tomorrow, we are going to win)" and the crowd warms to Mr Michael Dukakis.

It is not the lame *buenos dias* that Mr George Bush occasionally offers down south. By American standards, the Massachusetts governor is a real linguist, the most accomplished to run for the White House since Thomas Jefferson, according to some historians. He picked up the Spanish one summer in Peru as a student and has worked on it ever since.

Speaking Greek, Spanish and French may not cut much ice in Peoria, but in a close election this year, it could make the difference in the big key states of Florida, California, Texas and New York.

In California, for example, where 22 per cent of the 28 million population are of Latin American origin — far more than the black minority — the Hispanic vote could in theory help deliver the state and the one-sixth of the electoral college needed for the presidency.

So Mr Dukakis spent half of his last day before the primary storming around California from San Diego to San José, courting the Mexicans and other Hispanics that he needs in November. His California campaign director, Mr Richard Ybarra, has been flooding the local radio stations with Spanish commercials.

It is, of course, not as simple as the figures. The great dormant Hispanic vote has been a staple of electoral folklore for years. In 1984, only one in four Hispanic adult voted in the United States. More than a third of the country's Hispanics are not registered to vote.

In California only 8 per cent of the voters were Hispanic in the 1986 elections.

Both the Democrats and the Republicans are planning to spend heavily to get out the Hispanic vote across the big southern states.

The Rev Jesse Jackson's efforts to mobilize the poor and convince them to vote will have certainly helped.

But Mr Bush's staff scoff at the way the Dukakis campaign talks of the Hispanic vote as their secret weapon.

Although polls in the Los Angeles area show Hispanic voters favouring Mr Dukakis by nearly three to one, the Hispanics in the huge suburbs and rural areas of California are increasingly Republican-minded, they say.

Mr Larry Berg, director of the Institute of Politics at the University of Southern California, says: "Among Hispanics, I'm seeing some shift away from the Democrats. They've taken them for granted. But parties are going to have to pay attention to them."

In the California primary campaign, Mr Bush won himself little glory with an astonishingly inept address at the largely Hispanic Garfield High School in Los Angeles.

The school has become famous as the home of Mr Jaime Escalante, a teacher who has inspired many poor Mexican youths to work their way to university..

Mr Bush told pupils that going to college was not everything because "we need the people who do the hard physical work in our society".

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Scandal after unofficial investigation to find assassin

Swedish Justice Minister quits over Palme inquiry

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Sweden's Justice Minister, Mrs Anna-Greta Leijon, resigned yesterday over a scandal involving her role in setting up an unofficial Social Democratic Party investigation into the assassination of the former Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme.

Right to the end, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, Mr Palme's successor, defiantly supported Mrs Leijon, one of his most trusted colleagues.

Only when faced with the threat of a vote of no confidence in Parliament that would have led to the fall of his Government did he accept the inevitable.

He was deserted by his usual allies, the Communists, who announced that they would be joining the non-socialist opposition to force through the vote.

Mr Carlsson praised Mrs Leijon as a woman dedicated to the fight against terrorism, subject herself to a kidnap plot by the West German Baader-Meinhof group which was foiled by Swedish police in the late 1970s.

"She took risks and made a mistake," said Mr Carlsson. "This the opposition cannot forgive, and have thus dispensed with a woman who did much in the fight against violence and terrorism."

He promised that Mrs Leijon, aged 49, would have a post in his new government if the Social Democrats, as expected, win a general election in September. However, that would not be as Justice Minister. "I don't intend to provoke," said Mr Carlsson. Until then, Mrs Leijon will play a leading role in directing the election campaign, indicating perhaps how little Mr Carlsson and the Social Democrats feel that the affair has damaged their chances of being re-elected.

Sympathy in the country seemed to be on their side. While there is annoyance that the Social Democrats seem to be once more running Sweden as their own exclusive club, bypassing democratic institutions and processes when it suits them, there is also a desperate national longing for the Palme murder to be solved at all costs.

Swedes, who value efficiency above all else, are deeply disturbed that their police force has been unable to bring the killer to justice.

It was in this spirit that Mrs Leijon allowed the publisher Mr Ebbe Carlsson, a lifelong friend and regarded here as something of a socialist and an establishment "groupie", to go ahead with his unofficial investigation.

This was financed by £200,000 from a businessman, Mr Tomas Fischer, and involved an attempt to smuggle into Sweden illegal telephone tapping equipment for use against members of the country's Kurdish refugee community, which was the focus of Mr Carlsson's "cloak and dagger" inquiries.

Mrs Leijon furnished Mr Carlsson with letters of introduction to the British Secret Service and other authorities said to have had information that Palme's life was threatened before he was shot in central Stockholm on February 28, 1986.

This information had been passed on to the Swedish security police but had not been acted upon. As a result, according to Mr Carlsson, the security police were reluctant to pursue inquiries along these lines, thus necessitating his private investigation.

He travelled around Europe with a police bodyguard, injudiciously boasting to journalist friends that he was on a dangerous mission, one that included an interview in Paris with the former Iranian President Bani-Sadr, who said Kurdish extremists acting on orders from Ayatollah Khomeini's regime killed Palme in retaliation for the halting of illegal supplies of Swedish arms which were being used in the war with Iraq. A follow-up on this information by the official police investigation would have caused uproar in Stockholm.

It was the Stockholm police chief Mr Hans Holmer's blind pursuit of "the Kurdish theory" and the embarrassment it was causing the Government that led to him being taken off the investigation last year.

Mr Holmer repeatedly arrested Kurds only to be forced to release them for lack of evidence. They complained both to Sweden's racial ombudsman and to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees that they were being persecuted.

Mr Holmer, also a loyal Social Democrat, was one of Mr Ebbe Carlsson's best friends and was consulted by him in Vienna, where he is now working for the UN fighting drugs smuggling.

The Justice Ministry has been an unfortunate post for its past three incumbents. Mrs Leijon took over in October when Mr Sten Wickbom was forced to resign after the escape of a spy, Stig Bergling. Bergling was allowed out of jail, where he was serving a life sentence, for "conjugal leave" with his wife.

Mr Wickbom had taken over from Mr Ove Rainer, who was forced to resign in 1983 after allegations of tax evasion.

Mrs Leijon's duties will be taken over by the Industry Minister, Mr Thage Peterson, who will hold both portfolios until the election.

Brussels (AP) — The Belgian Government is investigating allegations that a state security service has infiltrated political parties in search of damaging information about their leaders, Mr Louis Tobback, the Interior Minister, said yesterday. "I think it's not excluded that somewhere people exceeded their powers," Mr Tobback decalred. He has asked for an "internal investigation" within the state police, whose Special Research Brigade has been implicated in infiltrating political parties.

Mrs Anna-Greta Leijon, the Swedish Justice Minister, announcing her decision to resign in Stockholm yesterday as Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister, looks on.

Fijians charged on arms caches

Suva (Reuter) — Twenty-two Fijians, including a relative of the Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, were charged with weapons offences yesterday after the seizure of a large quantity of rifles, bayonets and grenades.

Ratu Mosese Tuisawau, a brother-in-law of Ratu Mara, was one of two people facing the most serious charges — conspiracy to instigate invasion and conspiracy to import arms and ammunition.

The 22 were remanded in custody until June 20 after a magistrate ruled that he had no jurisdiction. The cases will be heard by the High Court at an unspecified date. Defence lawyers had said the charges could not be heard in a magistrate's court because they amounted to treason, which carries the death penalty.

Pit blast clue

Borken (AP) — The prosecutor investigating the West German coal mine explosion is investigating whether a flame from a cigarette lighter caused the blast. Rescue workers found another body, bringing the death toll to 47.

Plague fear

Hong Kong (Reuter) — A four-year-old Vietnamese refugee has been isolated with suspected bubonic plague. Tests have proved negative so far but the refugee camp on Green Island has been sealed off.

Air sale vote

Sydney — The Australian Labor Party voted 62-37 at its national conference in Hobart, Tasmania, for the eventual privatization of Qantas and Australian Airlines.

Troops leave

Hanoi (AFP) — Vietnam's withdrawal of 50,000 troops from Cambodia is to start at the end of this month, a Vietnamese source said.

Film release

Johannesburg (AFP) — Sir Richard Attenborough's anti-apartheid film, *Cry Freedom*, will be released in South Africa next month, the film's distributors said.

Taking off

Harare (AP) — Stewardesses with Air Zimbabwe have met a six-month deadline to slim or be grounded.

Compromise ends Denmark's crisis over visiting Nato warships

From Christopher Follett
Copenhagen

A two-month crisis over Danish Nato policy ended yesterday when Mr Poul Schluter, Denmark's Conservative Prime Minister, announced compromise measures to allow Western Alliance warships to continue visiting Danish waters without divulging whether they carry nuclear weapons on board.

Denmark was plunged into a domestic and international crisis, which caused a premature general election last month leading to a new Government, after Parliament passed a motion tabled by the opposition Social Democrats tightening the Danish ban on nuclear weapons on board Nato and other warships visiting the country. Mr Schluter saw the resolution as threatening Danish membership of Nato, as it breached the established policy of alliance member-states to neither confirm nor deny if individual warships have nuclear arms on board for strategic reasons.

Protracted negotiations on forming a new Government after last month's inconclusive election delayed Mr Schluter from tackling the Nato problem. Unveiling his newly-appointed three-party Conservative-Liberal-Radical Liberal minority Government's policy statement to the new Parliament, Mr Schluter announced that the Nato question was to be solved by the immediate distribution of a circular by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to all diplomatic missions in Copenhagen reminding foreign Governments of Denmark's 31-year-old ban on warships carrying atomic weapons in Danish waters and ports in peacetime.

Mr Schluter, Prime Minister since 1982, and now heading his fourth centre-right administration, added that in future the embassies of nations whose warships requested permission to visit Denmark would be presented with a broadly termed reminder that the ships must respect Danish law while in the country's territorial waters. The reminder letter will not specifically mention nuclear weapons, a procedure identical to that pursued by Norway and acceptable to Nato sensibilities. The passage in April of the Opposition resolution caused grave concern in Nato, with the United States and Britain giving warnings that its implementation in the form of a direct question to visiting vessels as to whether or not they had nuclear weapons on board — as demanded by some Danish Opposition parties — would have obliged them to cease joint naval exercises in Danish waters and avoid visiting Danish ports, weakening key Nato defence strategy at the mouth of the Baltic.

Mr Schluter's clever compromise solution was greeted with satisfaction by Britain, Denmark's main Nato ally. A British Embassy spokesman here said that Britain, which has a 13,500 UK Mobile Force specially earmarked to defend Denmark in a war, would now be able to resume its naval visits to Denmark postponed before the election.

"We are glad that it has been possible for the Danes to find a solution which does not conflict with Britain's policy of neither confirming nor denying that HM warships are carrying nuclear arms," the spokesman told *The Times*.

"It is the view of both the Danish and British Governments that British ship visits to Denmark can now continue as hitherto."

Mr Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, the Danish Foreign Minister, is expected to inform Denmark's allies of the Government's solution when he attends the half-yearly Nato Foreign Ministerial Council meeting which starts in Madrid tomorrow.

The Prime Minister's policy statement to the new Parliament covered the Danish defence budget which is to be frozen at around £1.2 billion per annum — or a low 2.1 per cent of Denmark's gross national product — until 1990.

On economic policy, Mr Schluter announced his Government's intention to continue curbing public sector spending, freezing the state budget, and tackling the country's dire foreign debt and balance of payments problems with policies of rigorous economic austerity.

Terrorism fear jeopardizes EEC relaxation of borders

From Richard Owen, Brussels

The programme for a single European market is running into serious obstacles, despite last-minute efforts before the coming Hanover EEC summit to push through the 1992 programme for a Europe without frontiers, EEC officials have warned.

They said that blocks included "unjustified fears" that criminals and terrorists would exploit freedom of movement. Officials, answering criticism from EEC interior ministers, said that, while there was an obvious need to counteract drug trafficking, terrorism, and illegal immigration, this should not be allowed to hold up the 1992 plan.

They reacted with dismay to weekend remarks in Munich by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, underlining the need for continuing strict border controls.

Meanwhile, West Germany, which holds the EEC presidency until the end of this month, yesterday pushed at a meeting in Luxembourg for urgent action on internal market directives, with the aim of presenting "substantial progress" on 1992 to the EEC summit in Hanover on June 27 and 28.

One official said: "We must not lose pace." There are strong doubts whether Greece, which is due to take over the presidency on July 1, will act as decisively on 1992 as the West Germans.

Officials said that Ireland and Denmark shared Britain's reservations about open frontiers. But Lord Cockfield, the Commissioner for the Internal Market, who has clashed frequently with the British Government since coming to Brussels in 1985, argues that almost all border controls must go. Crime, drug trafficking and terrorism can be effectively tackled by police co-operation rather than by frontier checks, he believes. One EEC source said: "Even now most drugs hauls are at sea or at obscure airfields and not at borders at all."

Mr Hurd told his EEC counterparts at a meeting in Munich of the "Trevi group", which co-ordinates EEC security and intelligence matters, that recent IRA attacks on British servicemen on the Dutch-West German border had underlined the terrorist threat to Europe.

The EEC had to reconcile its desire for open borders with the fact that "frontier controls do provide an effective means of dealing with these problems, and are more effective than any other internal arrangements".

West German officials fear that the clash between Britain, Denmark and Ireland and the other nine states over border controls will undermine the 1992 programme as a whole.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany has written to Mrs Thatcher and other EEC leaders, urging them not to lose the 1992 momentum.

With the final internal market meeting under Bonn's presidency due on June 22, yesterday's session focused on six areas where the single market plan has become bogged down: the harmonization of diplomas throughout the EEC; students' rights; a common EEC trademark; an EEC patent law; the pooling of information technology; and the promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises.

To meet British concerns about the abuse of open borders, officials said that the Trevi group would draw up a report on: the common fight against terrorism, including a British proposal for the seizure of funds operated by terrorists in the EEC; exchanges of forensic evidence by EEC police forces; a common policy on refugees and asylum-seekers; and Community co-operation against football hooligans.

Moscow — The EEC and Comecon, its counterpart in the Eastern bloc, are to initial an agreement of mutual recognition here tomorrow, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said (AFP reports). Comecon was ready to conclude a deal on such issues as commerce and finance.

ANC tactics in South Africa

New leader targets Inkatha 'warlords'

From Michael Hornsby, Lusaka

In the pre-dawn hours of a December morning in 1982, South African commandos raided houses and flats in Maseru, capital of the small kingdom of Lesotho, killing 42 people, among them a few members of the African National Congress.

Their main target, Mr "Chris" Martin Thembisile Hani, who was running ANC guerrilla operations from his Lesotho base, was not among the dead. The South Africans attacked the wrong flat, giving Mr Hani time to escape from a back window, and eventually make his way to safety in Zambia.

It was a failure of intelligence which the South African Government may come to regret. Late last year, in an important reshuffle, Mr Hani, aged 45, was appointed chief of staff and deputy commander of Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation), the guerrilla wing of the ANC.

Known universally by his Umkhonto name "Chris", Mr Hani replaced Mr Joe Slovo, a white former Johannesburg lawyer in his early sixties, who is now devoting himself to the chairmanship of the outlawed South African Communist Party, which operates in alliance with the ANC.

Mr Hani was previously chief political commissar of Umkhonto. That post is now occupied by Mr Steve Tshwete, a burly, gravel-voiced, pipe-smoking veteran of the liberation struggle who spent 15 years with Mr Nelson Mandela in the maximum security prison on Robben Island to 1979.

Now in his 50th year, Mr Tshwete was chairman of the border region branch of the United Democratic Front, the above-ground ally of the ANC in the Eastern Cape when the first state of emergency was declared in July, 1985. As the police began to close in, he was instructed by the ANC to leave the country and move to headquarters in Lusaka.

The two men favour a much more aggressive guerrilla campaign inside South Africa. Their views seem likely to prevail over the more restrained approach of the older generation of ANC leaders, to which the long-serving commander of Umkhonto, Mr Joe Modise, a former lorry driver from Johannesburg, belongs.

They preside over an army which does not want for recruits (screening for police spies is a big problem) as successive waves of unrest and government crackdowns have driven an estimated 14,000 young blacks into exile to join the ANC over the past 12 years. Umkhonto claims about 60 per cent of this manpower.

In his first press interview since taking up his new position, Mr Hani said here that he saw the guerrilla campaign as having two main aims: boosting black morale and resistance and extending the war to white-zoned areas, to the point that whites are forced to live behind the protection of police and army patrols and "barricades and burglar bars".

He draws the line at the "necklace" (burning-tyre) method of execution. "We think it is not the right method of dealing even with your worst enemies." Among targets for assassination, Mr Hani and other ANC sources said, are "warlords" of the Inkatha organization in Natal responsible for the killing of UDF supporters there, as well as members of the Inkatha central committee who finance and equip them.

But Mr Hani denied that the Inkatha leader, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, was a target. "Our policy is to isolate and destroy him politically".

One of the main priorities for Umkhonto, Mr Hani said, was developing the concept of "people's war". That entailed sending in experienced ANC instructors to train and equip Umkhonto cells inside the country.

The members of such cells would operate under the cover of civilian jobs, making them less vulnerable to police detection than units infiltrated through neighbouring states and withdrawn after completing their assignment.

Improving the "quality" of guerrilla attacks was also a prime aim. In that context, Mr Hani said the recent arrest of an all-white Umkhonto unit, which was discovered in a farmhouse north-west of Pretoria with a cache of arms that included a SAM 7 anti-aircraft missile, was a "setback".

A curious mixture of charm, political passion and ruthlessness, Mr Hani, who has a long, expressively mobile, trimly-bearded face, is a Xhosa-speaking black from the Eastern Cape and was educated at church schools. At the age of 12 he wanted to be a Roman Catholic priest but was dissuaded from that course by his father.

Mr "Chris" Hani: Wants whites to live in fear.

He obtained a BA degree in Latin and English in 1962, then joined a Cape Town law firm as an articled clerk but went underground and into exile before he could complete his articles.

"I was fascinated by Shakespeare's plays. Now and then when I travel I carry some of his plays with me, especially *Hamlet*," Mr Hani said.

But he does not share the philosophical doubts of the eponymous hero of that drama. "I want to believe that I am decisive. It helps me to be decisive when I read *Hamlet*".

Six await trial ruling

Pretoria (Reuter) — The Sharpeville Six, five men and a woman condemned to hang for their part in a township murder, will hear next Monday if their case is to be reopened for the questioning of a witness who now says that he lied. Supreme Court Judge W. J. Human said that he would rule next week on an application to reopen the case. Mr Prakash Diar, leading the campaign to save the six, said the judge could rule that the decision was not his to take, order the trial reopened, or reject the application.

Manila immigration chief wages relentless anti-corruption drive

Mrs Miriam Santiago: "I eat death threats for breakfast."

From Gavin Bell
Manila

Wherever Mrs Miriam Defensor Santiago goes, she is accompanied by a smartly dressed young woman carrying a small, black handbag. Her escort is a military bodyguard, and the bag contains a loaded revolver.

It is an unusual precaution for a civil servant, but a growing number of ruthless men want her dead — including perhaps members of her own staff. As head of the Philippines Commission on Immigration and Deportation, Mrs Santiago has taken the highly irregular step of declaring war on powerful crime syndicates dealing in guns, drugs and prostitution, and the corrupt politicians and police who protect them.

"I eat death threats for breakfast," the diminutive mother of two children was once quoted as saying. After five months in office, her diet has not changed much.

When Mrs Santiago was appointed by President Aquino she inherited an agency demoralized by decades of low wages and institutionalized corruption. In a society accustomed to settling accounts with guns, goons and gold, the agency was particularly notorious.

"This post was always considered a political reward, offering a fabulous income at public expense," she said. "The appointment was never influenced by considerations of honesty, competence or efficiency.

"It is common practice in this country for politicians to place key men in graft-ridden agencies, as bag-men to raise funds for them. So my people had to contend with a system of appointment and promotion that had no relation to merit. People simply did not bother to condemn the corruption anymore. They felt it was impossible to eradicate."

The rewards were substantial for immigration officers breaking the laws they were meant to uphold. Fake passports and extortion rackets secured bribes ranging from £25 to £1,300.

A predecessor of Mrs Santiago is alleged to have offered a benefactor agency files on three aliens instead of cash. "You can do anything with an alien as long as you have his record," she said. "Even if his situation is legal, if you have a file on him you can milk him." Mrs Santiago is tearing apart the web of graft and corruption with the subtlety of a combine harvester, but she faces determined opposition.

A recent agency raid on illegal aliens living near a big US air base was frustrated by local policemen, who tipped off the foreigners in advance. Her commission is filing charges against the police.

There have been some successes. In other raids, her men have netted 22 suspected paedophiles and a similar number selling forged passports. Her next target is a network of drug pushers and gun runners.

"We are now concentrating on these hard-core criminals. These are violent people, they are well entrenched, they have firepower. We have to go slowly, but we must confront them," she said.

Inevitably she will come up against government officials and law-enforcers.

"We are their *bêtes noires*, we are persona non grata in our own country," she admits cheerfully. Mrs Santiago has introduced less dramatic reforms to deal with an estimated 500,000 illegal aliens, mainly from China, India and Indonesia.

Overtime payments have been introduced for her staff and an amnesty declared for foreigners who have lived in the Philippines for five years or more without engaging in criminal activities.

Despite dismissing corrupt employees and attracting reformers to replace them, Mrs Santiago knows she cannot yet claim the agency to be "the untouchables".

"We're making progress, but I have no illusions. Right now, even as we talk, I'm sure something must be going on down there in the lobby, or at the airport.

"Somebody is selling a fake passport, or forging my signature."

While she undoubtedly has many enemies, Mrs Santiago is encouraged by growing public support. A plaque in her office from Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Archbishop of Manila, pays tribute to her integrity and commitment "against tremendous odds and threats to life and safety".

At the age of 42 the youngest person, and first woman, to hold the post, she left a promising career as a judge. It was, she says, an insane decision.

Having taken on the task of reform, however, she is in a hurry to accomplish it.

"I can't afford to wait, because in a year's time I may no longer be here. I'm creating so many controversies that the President may not be able to afford to keep me politically."

There are those who would argue that political conflict is a small price to pay for what she has achieved so far.

Foreign bidder may buy Girobank

The Post Office has *agreed to sell Girobank*, the state-owned bank operated through post offices, to a financial institution or other suitable company, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, said in a Commons statement.

Suitable bidders would now be given the opportunity to tender.

In reply to questions, Mr Clarke *made* clear that he had virtually ruled out a sale to one of the big four clearing banks, *but he had not ruled out a sale* to a foreign-owned bank.

In his statement he said that Girobank had 2.5 million customers and made profits of £23.1 million in 1986-87.

It needed to expand vigorously and take on other *activities in* order to *develop in* the competitive world of modern banking.

The Government believed *that such expansion could best* be achieved in the private sector.

Price would be a major *consideration in evaluating* bids in order to ensure a fair deal for the taxpayer.

Weight would also be given to a *purchase* which would widen public choice in banking services.

It *would* be important to safeguard links between Girobank and Post Office Counters Ltd.

A new rolling contract between Girobank and Counters would govern their relationship under new ownership.

The Government would be looking for a purchaser capable of developing and expanding Girobank's business. Post Office Counters could expect increased business opportunities from such expansion.

Prospective purchasers would be asked to propose arrangements to enable management and employees to share directly in the future success of the business.

The purchaser would have to

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satisfy Bank of England requirements.

Mr Bryan Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry: This statement prompts one basic question: Why? What possible justification can there be, apart from political dogma, for disrupting a public enterprise of which Girobank was such a splendid example?

What evidence was there that customers were *dissatisfied with* the service they received from Girobank which had so often set an example of public sector *innovation?*

What protection would there be against takeover by a clearing bank or other major financial institution limiting consumer choice and increasing concentration of banking in fewer hands?

The continuing commercial relationship between Girobank and Post Office Counters was essential for continued efficiency.

What guarantee was there that it would remain on the original basis? How safe were the 5,000 and more jobs in Bootle?

What guarantees were there for the conditions and pensions for staff? What commitments were there to expansion and *continued investment?*

What assurances that this successful public sector initiative which had widened *consumer choice* and set *new* standards in banking services would not be damaged and weakened in the hands of private sector predators?

Mr Clarke said that the Government believed that the Girobank which was poised for further expansion and development would carry that out most efficiently and effectively in the private sector.

Girobank's customer base was extremely important. Anyone interested in buying it would regard the customers as one of the prime assets of the business.

Girobank was contemplating a plastic cash card, corporate finance and the mortgage business. All would be easier in the private sector.

It was important to be careful not to limit choice for the public. That was one of the things that would be looked at when considering bids.

At this stage no one was being cut out of the bidding, but one of *the major* British clearing banks would have considerable difficulty satisfying the condition that the sale must widen consumer choice.

He agreed that the continued connection between Counters and Girobank was extremely important.

That was why the Government had awaited the conclusion of a new, rolling five year contract between them which could be terminated only at five years' notice either way.

Anyone buying Girobank would be buying access to the counter network and would therefore have no intention of terminating the contract. They would be expanding and therefore *bringing business to Post* Office Counters.

Mr Neil Hamilton (Tatton, C) said that the Labour Party ought to learn from the example of President Mitterrand who was denationalizing banks in France.

Mr Clarke said that it seemed likely the Labour Party, which yet again was *living* in the past, would become the only socialist party in Western Europe committed to the *idea* of a *nationalized* bank.

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said the Government was clearly interested in the enormous profits to be made out of Giro, which it had been his privilege to carry through Cabinet andd announce in the House 22 years ago.

It had been wildly successful. Now the Government was intending to plunder assets which did not belong to it but which had been built up through public enterprise, imagination and investment.

Those assests were now to be sold to the people who had financed the Conservative Party at the past three elections.

Mr Clarke said that the process of inviting bidders to tender would ensure that a good price was obtained, which would accrue to the public. The Government would ensure that the taxpayers got a bargain.

The full value realized would go to the Post Office, and any surplus to their requirements would be loaned to the Government.

The *Girobank* had been established in a different political and economic era. The present climate was against it.

Mr Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C) asked for an assurance that the Government would not allow any of the big banks to acquire Giro which ought to remain in independent hands.

Mr Clarke said that it would not be right to say that the major banks should be ruled out from even putting in bids, but the Government would need a great deal of persuading that an offer from a major British bank should be accepted.

The object was to increase consumer choice and a new player on the scene would achieve just that.

Mr Allan Roberts (Bootle, Lab) asked for an assurance that *the jobs of the 6,000 head* office Girobank workers in Bootle would be secure after the sale.

There was great anxiety about the future of the Girobank which represented the only flagship of success in terms of large-scale employment on Merseyside.

The fear was that the Government would destory the bank for its own doctrinaire reasons, to reduce competition.

Mr Clarke said that he understood the importance of the proposal to Bootle, but it posed no threat. No one would contemplate purchasing Giro without regarding the facilities at Bootle as part of the business they were acquiring.

No one could guarantee a set number of jobs on Merseyside or anywhere else.

Jobs would be that much more secure if the bank continued to be successful. If it expanded, then employment prospects would be massively enhanced.

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) asked if the Government would withhold consent for the sale if the prospective purchaser came from overseas?

Mr Clarke said that the bids would go to the Post Office and the board would handle the sale.

The Secretary of State had the right to issue directions to the Post Office if they intended to do something with which he profoundly disagreed.

Foreign bids would be allowed on the same basis as any other bid. He could see nothing wrong in looking at bids from overseas.

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) said that the friends of the Conservative Party were buying their way into a highly lucrative business.

Could Mr Clarke confirm that the Secretary of State was not going to *exercise a veto over any* prospective buyer, even if it should be the Bank of Libya?

Mr Clarke said that the Bank would be sold *only* to a *suitable* bidder who *met* the strict requirements of the Bank of England.

Mr Bryan Gould (left), Mr Michael Grylls (top right) and Mr Allan Roberts, who all sought assurances from the Government on the proposed Girobank sale

Capital punishment MP rejects hanging as barbaric

The reintroduction of capital punishment was a moral issue and *it* was for each *MP* to exercise his or her judgement, **Mr Roger Gale** (Thanet North, C), said when he opened the Commons debate. "I do not seek vengeance. I do not seek punishment. I seek solely deterrent."

He emphasized his opposition to hanging, which he called barbaric. There was no nice way to take the life of a *human being, he said, but if it* was necessary there were more humane ways available than just stringing them up.

He moved a *clause at the start* of the report stage of the Criminal Justice Bill, which sought to introduce capital punishment *as* the maximum available sentence for the crime of murder.

He said that the House had *voted on many occasions on the* subject since abolition of capital punishment and on each occasion MPs had rejected restoration.

On each occasion, it had been apparent that public opinion was in favour of restoration. He did not think anyone in the House would not consider that they had not flown in the face of public opinion.

He accepted the deep moral and religious convictions of those who took an opposite view from his own.

As MPs, they had a responsibility to listen to public opinion and a greater duty to exercise individually their own *judgement.*

There was no doubt in his mind, having seen the opinion polls, that a referendum on this *subject would suit his own* particular *purpose*. But he had never subscribed to the view that they should govern the country by referendum.

He hoped they would exercise their own judgements when they came to vote without heed to *official or unofficial party whips* or any other matters.

Mr Gale: I do not seek vengeance

The new clause sought to introduce capital punishment as a *maximum available sentence* for the crime of murder. It did so without seeking to stipulate any category at all. Because of that, *it sought to give to the jury* the power to recommend a sentence to the judge.

"What it does not do is seek to *give to the jury power to* sentence. That power would remain with the courts."

Eyebrows had been raised *because the clause should seek* to introduce a maximimum available and not a mandatory sentence for murder such as had been on the statute book in the past.

"I believe that the mere possibility that a criminal might *face the capital consquences of* his acts would act as a deterrent."

Some people had queried the *fact that the new clause* contained no category of murder. Should they reintroduce capital punishment for terrorism? For *the murder of police officers or* officers of the Crown on duty and in uniform? For the murder of children? For premeditated murder?

His amendment sought to reintroduce capital punishment as a maximm available sentence *for all crimes of murder because* no two crimes were the same and this amendment sought to take into account the particular circumstances surrounding any one crime.

Perhaps most controversial of all had been the suggestion that *the jury should have the power* to recommend a sentence to the court. But it was the jury that heard the evidence, saw the demeanour of the accused and heard every witness at a trial.

The jury must therefore be in a privileged position to deter*mine not only whether a person* was guilty but also whether the crime was so heinous and vile as to warrant the maximum *sentence*.

It had been suggested that the jury might feel intimidated and therefore that it was less likely to *return a guilty verdict knowing that it* would then have to make some recommendation. But it was not uncommon at present for juries to recommend that clemency or stringency be exercised in sentencing.

It had been suggested that *juries would in some way be* given the power *to* pass sentence and this element of the new clause had been widely misrepresented in the media.

But it would not be possible for the jury to pass sentence because only the judge and the court had access to all the other factors such as records of previous crimes and sentences.

It would be left to the judge *and the court, in the knowledge* of all the other factors, to decide whether to take a jury's recommendation or ignore it. Or, *where* a jury did not make a recommendation, a judge might nevertheless decide to impose the maximum sentence.

It was already open to the defence to appeal against sentence and, under the new Criminal Justice Act, it would be *possible for the prosecution to* appeal against sentence.

In Northern Ireland, where there were no juries, the judge *alone* would have to exercise his decision.

He hoped that the day would soon come when it would be possible to return to jury trial in Northern Ireland, but, until that day, he did not believe that they did not have courageous judges capable of carrying out this duty.

This was a moral issue and he hoped it would be the subject of a completely free vote.

Kinnock pleads for homeless

The plight of the young homeless was combined by the Leader of the Opposition with an appeal to Mrs Margaret Thatcher to change social security *regulations on behalf of what he* called the new generation of street people.

Mr Kinnock asked during *Prime Minister's questions if* Mrs Thatcher had seen the report on young homeless people called *No Way Home*. "The problems of the growing numbers of homeless young people on the streets of London, living in destitution and moral and physical danger, require very urgent action from the Government.

"Will she change the new social security regulations to ensure that such young people can get money in advance in order to be able to obtain lodgings?

Mrs Thatcher: No. *It* is true that quite a number of young people are leaving home who would not have left home under previous circumstances.

We are having to provide more houses that otherwise we should have done and having to provide them when they already have a home to live in, belonging to their parents.

The Government is doing a great deal to tackle homelessness. Total support for housing is very much larger.

We made £5 million available last year through the Estates Action Initiative, are mixed funding the Housing Associations Initiative with grant ranging from 50 per cent to 75 per cent and we have had a hostels initiative with over 14,700 places approved since *April 1987 to benefit the young single* homeless and others.

Mr Kinnock: That answer can mean only that the Prime *Minister is* willing to see *these* young people at risk from crime, prostitution and even from hunger go on as they are in huge numbers.

In London alone there are 50,000 young homless people without secure accommodation. The hostels are packed. They are one million fewer places to rent than at the beginning of the decade.

Is she really willing to see this new generation of street people go on increasing or will she answer the first question I asked and change the regulations to revert to the original position so that these young people can get money, get *lodgings*, get jobs *and look after* themselves (*loud* Labour cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: No. I do not think *he* can have listened to *what I said. There is a hostels'* initiative in order to have places approved for these young people, to benefit the young single homeless and others.

We have made it much easier for council tenants to sub-let, which they used not to be able to.

There are a number of young people who voluntarily choose to leave home and I do not think we can be expected, no matter how many they are, to provide units for them.

***Mr Kinnock** said that the* charities were marvellous, but it was neither fair nor realistic to ask them to do the job that the Government should be doing (Labour cheers).

Would the Prime Minister answer the fundamental question? *Would she revert to the* original arrangement, which would enable young people to get money to get lodgings?

Did she not realize that if they had no home they had no job and if they had no job they had no home and no money?

Mrs Thatcher said that she had answered his fundamental question twice in the negative.

Local Government Finance Bill

Poll tax amendment refused

Peers from all sides raised concerns that under the Local Government Finance Bill as it *stands the burden of the* community charge would fall on a deserted spouse who might have little or no income.

An amendment to the Bill, during its fourth day in committee, to remove joint liability for the charge was rejected by 169 votes to 116 – Government majority, 53.

The Earl of Caithness, Minister of State for the Environment, assured peers that if, for instance, a husband did not pay the community charge, a local authority would pursue him and not his wife. *He* understood that a wife might feel obliged to pay her husband's community charge, but there was no reason for her to do so.

Local authorities could be trusted to use sensibly the enforcement powers given to them. The community charge would be first and foremost an individual liability.

Lord Banks (SLD) said that the Bill provided that married and co-habiting couples should have joint liability. If one spouse defaulted, the other might have to pay.

Lord Monson (Ind) said that the clause flew right in the face of the Chancellor's Budget.

Lord Hylton (Ind) said that the community charge would create new stresses and strains among members of families.

● On the third day of the committee stage of the Bill, reported in *later* editions yesterday, the Government was accused of sitting on a report that would show that the cost of setting up and administering the community charge had much increased since its original estimates.

The claim came from **Lord McIntosh of Haringey**, chief Opposition environment *spokesman in the Lords,* who said the first and second parts of the report on the revised costs of the Government's proposal, commissioned from Price Waterhouse, had been delivered to the Department of the Environment last month.

He said studies made by local rating officers indicated that the cost of establishing the new register had increased from the Government's first estimate of between £70 million and £90 million, to £266 million for the *three years 1989 to 1991*, and collection costs for a full year had risen from £200 million to nearer £494 million.

The Earl of Caithness said he did not deny that draft *material* had been delivered, but the Government had not received the consultants' final report.

Alton fails to save Bill

Mr David Alton's latest attempt to revive his abortion Bill has failed (Philip Webster writes).

A move to attach it to the Criminal Justice Bill, thus giving MPs an opportunity to vote on amendments reducing the 28-week abortion time limit was ruled out of order by the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill.

The Bill was effectively killed in the Commons last month when Mr Alton's opponents talked it out before there was a *chance to vote* on amendments reducing the limit to 20, 22 or 24 weeks.

By tabling the whole Bill as an *amendment to the* Criminal Justice Bill, Mr Alton hoped to have given it a last chance.

After the Speaker announced his decision, Mr Alton spoke of consternation, bewilderment and cynicism that the Commons should provide so much time to debating the restoration of the death penalty and found no time for a measure to save life.

Fraud attack succeeds

The money saved as a result of fraud investigation into unemployment benefit claims had increased from £11 million in 1984-85 to £54.5 million in 1987-88, **Mr Norman Fowler**, Secretary of State for Employment, told MPs at question time.

He said that 80,000 claims had been withdrawn this year as a result of fraud investigation.

Mr John Evans (St Helens North, Lab) said that if a drive against fraudulent unemployment benefit claims had been so successful and had saved the taxpayer milions of pounds, why did the Government not have a drive against fraudulent tax claims, *which would* save hundreds of millions of pounds?

Mr Fowler replied that the Government wanted to see a stop to both those activities. But nothing Mr Evans said should take away *from the seriousness of the* fraud being perpetrated.

"We are not talking here about people confused about their social security entitlement. We are talking about people who are deliberately defrauding the *system*."

Training 'by compulsion'

Employers should be forced to *train* young people, **Mr Barry Sheerman**, an Opposition spokesman on employment, said at question time.

Only recently the Government had boasted that the school-leaving age was raised to 18 by the Youth Training Scheme. It was now clear that young people were opting to go into low-paid, dead-end jobs without any training at all.

Was that the way to invest in Britain's workforce? Should not employers be forced to train young people?

Mr John Cope, Minister of State for Employment: I do not think we want to force them. Certainly we want to encourage them and that is what the Youth Training Scheme has done.

There were 381,000 young people in the scheme. Of course the Government would want more. "I would like it to be a normal route between school and work for young people."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Debates on Opposition motions on Nestlé bid for Rowntree and British Aerospace bid for Rover. **Lords** (2.30): Debates on Middle East and on debt and poverty in Africa.

Home Office 'artificially downgrading' prisoners, says Labour

The cosmetic categorization of prisoners as being of low security risk in order to ease the severe strain on *high-security prisons had led directly to the* appalling consequences of the riot and mass breakout from Haverigg prison, Cumbria, **Dr John Cunningham** (Copeland, Lab) said during exchanges about the incident.

In reply to Dr Cunningham's call for a statement, **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said that Mr Gordon Lakes, deputy director general of the Prison Service, would conduct an urgent investigation into the disturbance.

"This will be a comprehensive and wide-ranging inquiry, which will consider all the relevant factors that may have contributed to the incident."

He said that all except three of the 34 who had originally escaped or were unaccounted for, were back in custody. In all, 28 buildings had been damaged and 300 prisoner places temporarily lost. Repairs were in hand.

***Dr Cunningham** said that it* had been the largest mass escape from any prison in England for more than half a century. He praised prison officers and police for reacting swiftly and, on the whole, effectively.

"Why *did* the Home Secretary *reject my call in December 1987* for a review of security at Haverigg following a series of escapes from the prison that year? What action was taken, following my letter to the Home Secretary in January this year about a very serious drugs racket in Haverigg?"

He said that on Sunday night there had been only two fully trained and qualified prison officers on duty, supported by seven auxiliary officers.

"Is it not also the case that local prison officers believe that the prison is seriously understaffed and that the complement set by the Home Secretary is inadequate to ensure safe *management of the prison.* Have they not made this view known to the Home Office?

"Their view is confirmed by the Home Office report on the prison service for 1986-87 which shows that the average manpower cost per inmate at *Haverigg is less than* for any category C prison in the country, and the second lowest for any prison in England.

Dr Cunningham: Praise for prison officers

"Can the *prison* continue to be operated safely? Should it now be closed?"

He asked whether local authorities would be able to give evidence to the inquiry.

Mr Hogg: This is a very serious incident. The inquiry will be very wide-ranging and nothing relevant or credible will be excluded. Local authorities will have the opportunity to make criticisms if they wish.

I do not think that manning levels are relevant, but under Fresh Start the prison has 92 discipline officers and in post are 94.

Drugs are a problem, and we are conscious of that and are taking steps to prevent the introduction of drugs into prisons.

Mr Michael Jopling (Westmorland and Lonsdale, C) asked for confirmation that at the time of the incident, there was a proper staffing level at the prison to deal with the situation.

The inquiry should deal with local concern that prisoners were deliberately given a lower category of risk to be sent to the prison because it was not overcrowded.

Mr Hogg said that 22 officers were on duty at the time. He did not think manning was relevant. Manning would be looked at by the inquiry. He did not *believe* that anybody introduced to the prison was inappropriate to that prison, but categorization would be addressed during the inquiry.

Mr Alex Carlile, SLD spokesman on home affairs, referred to a "lurid account" in one newspaper and said that, while a few pin-ups on a dormitory wall were harmless, the use as currency of the presence of cannabis and "hooch" in the prison showed lax discipline.

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Mr Hogg said that allegations of the kind made in *The Independent* which appeared relevant and credible on examination would be included in the inquiry.

Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and Cleethorpes, C) asked whether category C could include prisoners guilty of any crime if they were coming to the end of their sentence.

Mr Hogg said that that was correct. Category C was a judgement of risk to the community.

Mr Bruce Grocott (The Wrekin, Lab) said that the present problem was part of the crisis of overcrowding in prisons. It was high time that the Government looked at ways not of building new prisons but seeing if people in prison could be treated better, more economically and more effectively outside.

Mr Hogg said that there was no overcrowding at Haverigg. Normal accommodation at the prison was in the order of 500 and *at the time of the disturbance* there were about 550 prisoners there.

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, *Drake, C*): *As* there is an admitted drug problem at the prison, can Mr Hogg give an assurance that particular atten*tion will be paid to visiting* arrangements of prisoners because that is very often the way drugs are smuggled in?

***Mr Hogg**: She is right and as* part of the inquiry we will be looking at the question of the presence of drugs in that prison and the *methods* by *which those* drugs got into the prison.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab) said that prison officers had made representations on manning before the incident. When these representations were received *by his department* was an inquiry carried out at that time, or was no action taken, based on the preconceived views as to *what warranted proper manning?*

***Mr Hogg**: So far as I can* currently judge it, manning levels are irrelevant to this issue.

Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C) asked what credence could be given to claims by Home Office officials in his constituency that category C prisoners had neither the wish nor the ability to escape *when no fewer than 25 of them* forced their way through the perimeter fence two days later, and to allegations that high-risk prisoners were being placed in low-category jails to save cash.

Mr Hogg said that he did not agree with the allegation. *Disturbances were relatively* infrequent. An inquiry was being set up to learn the lessons and implement them.

Mrs Ann Taylor, an Opposition spokesman on Home affairs, said that this was just the latest manifestation of the very real crisis in the prison system.

This riot seemed to have been triggered off by something relatively trivial, but it must have been the result of a build-up of frustration over many months or even years. Had Mr Hogg considered introducing staff-prisoner committees *to discuss* grievances or the appointment of a prison ombudsman?

If the reports and allegations on drugs and bullying were correct, this was a disgraceful state of affairs. Surely these abuses had implications for manning levels because if manning levels were inadequate prison officers could not take action to deal with drugs or *bullying*.

Could Mr Hogg tell the House that high security prisoners had not been downgraded to come to *category C prisons* in order to reduce overcrowding in high-security prisons?

Mr Hogg: We have a problem in the prison system, which we acknowledge. That is why we have put in place a very extensive building programme, unequalled this century.

On the ombudsman, our present view is that the complaints procedure works perfectly well. If in the course of the inquiry it appears not, we shall have to reconsider our position on this matter.

On categorization, there is no reason to suppose that by some artificial device high-category prisoners have been downgraded to category C at this prison. This is a prison where manning levels are up to complement.

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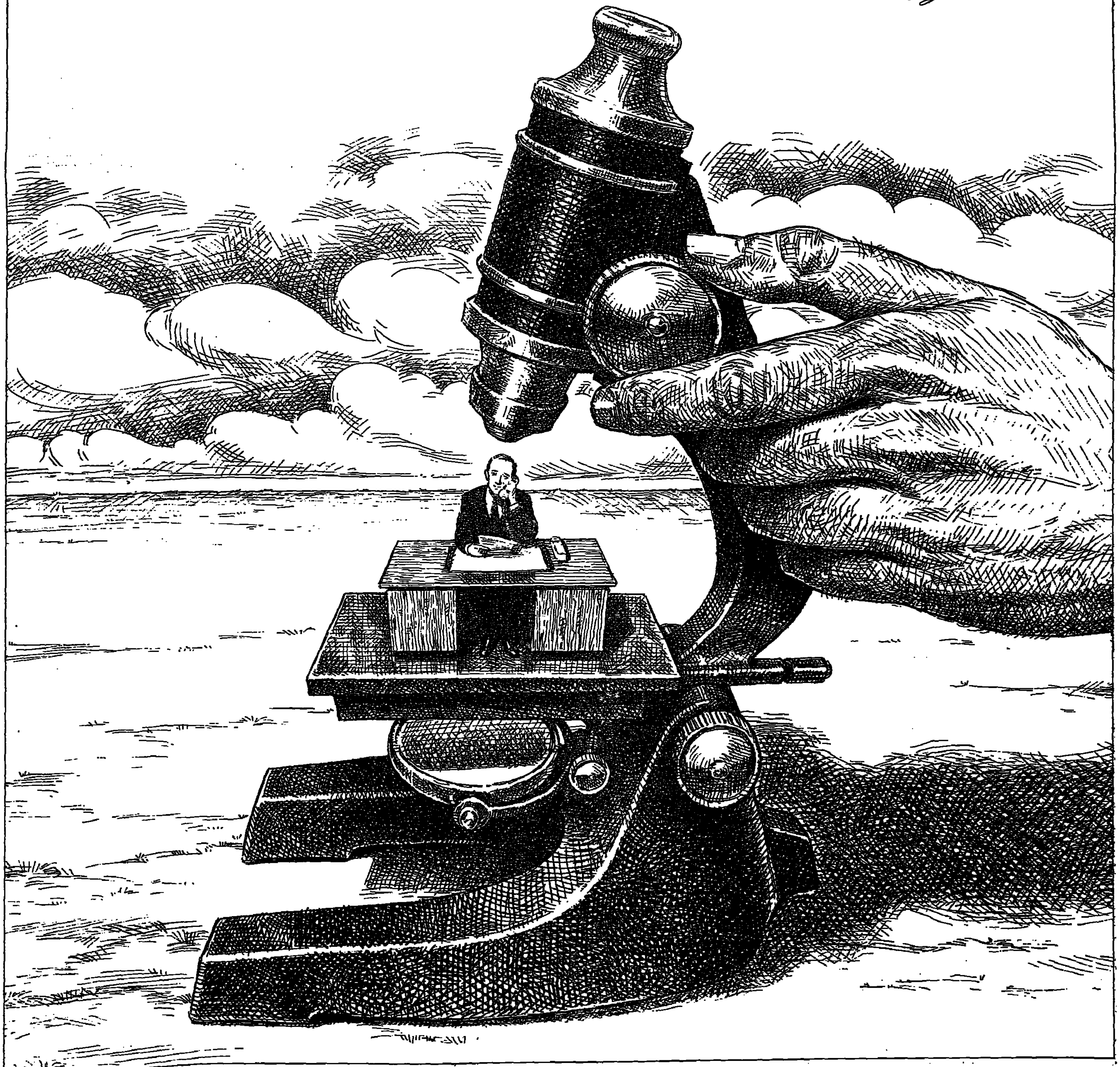

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Springtime in the park

THE TIMES GOOD UNIVERSITY GUIDE

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Part Eight: Partnership and profit

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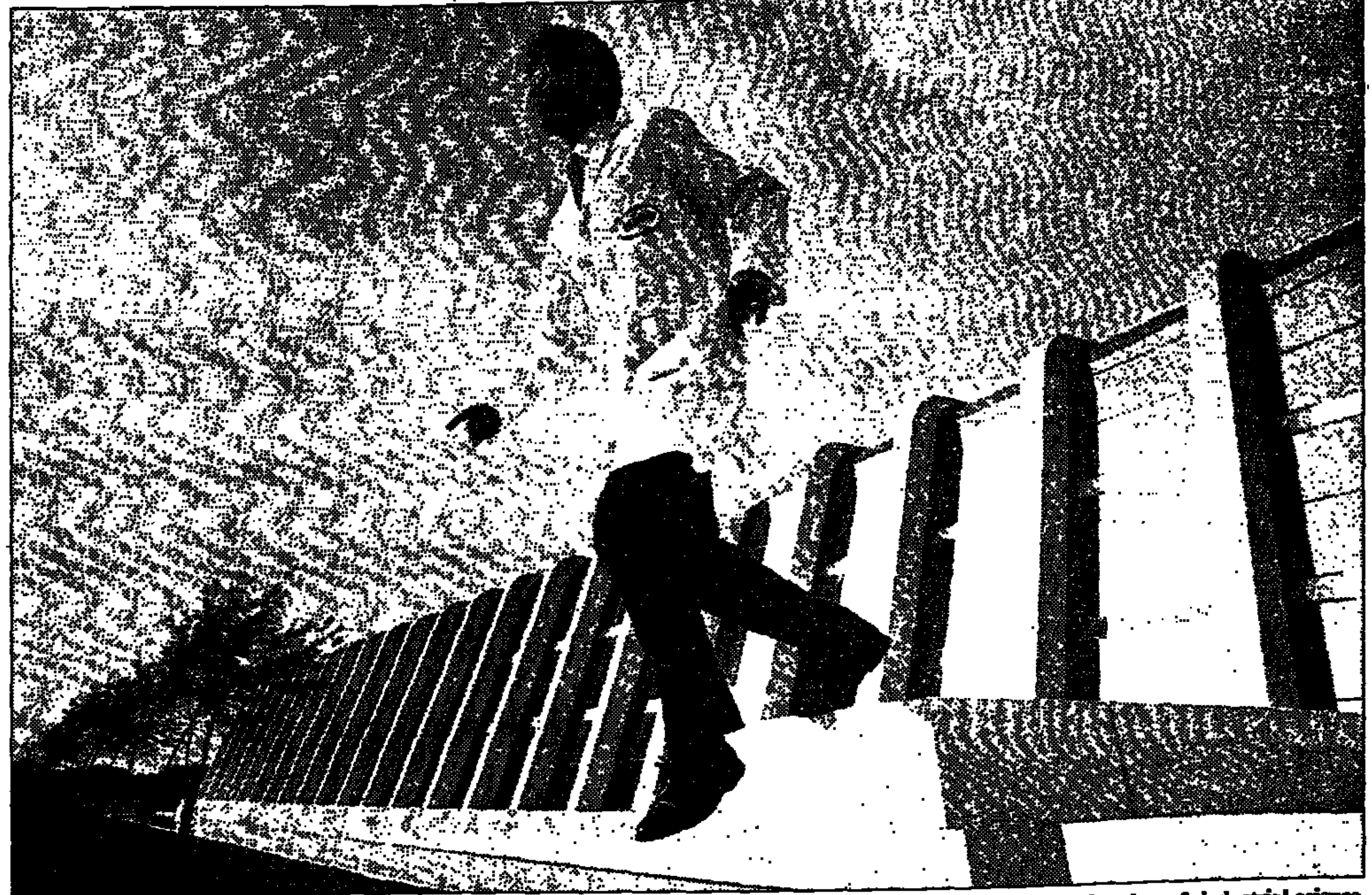

Step into the future: the NAPP laboratories at Cambridge Science Park, where a centre of learning pushes forward the frontiers of industrial science

Science parks are all about image. Malcolm Parry, the marketing director of Surrey University's park, tells of a small but brilliant electronics company which has been waiting for 18 months for space there.

"This company is run by two guys above a sweetshop in a small town in Surrey. If you are trying to get a major contract with a computer manufacturer you don't want to take him back to a sweetshop. Take him to your premises adjoining a university campus and he feels much more confident."

In simple terms, science parks are developments associated with universities or polytechnics where companies can lease buildings at a reasonable rent and call on their neighbours for help in research and development, as well as having management and support services laid on.

The classic park is a green-field site; but there are urban ones. What they all have in common is prestige. The companies bask in the reflected image of the university, the university wins a reputation for industry liaison — and academics pick up contracts.

Parry, who used to lecture on consumer science, presides over a classic green-field site. From his window he can watch bulldozers churning up the pasture. There are no shops. "People here are paid rather a lot and can afford to have people to do shopping for them," he murmurs, guiding his Mercedes along wide, flawless roads on which we pass, at midday, not a single human being. The place has a secretive air. A company doing hush-hush electronics work for the Home Office keeps ringing Parry to check that the chaps on the building site next door are not Russian spies. This month sees the long-awaited opening of a bar and restaurant.

But no, it is not dull, says Philip Bulson, a director of Advanced Mechanics and Engineering, a hi-tech engineering company. "You don't want to be crammed in a high street office next to a lawyer or an estate agent," he says.

Students need to recognize science parks as an increasingly important feature of university life. There are now 31 in Britain, 14 more are in construction. More than 500 companies make use of the 2.25 million square feet of space which they provide. The failure rate for these companies is only 3 per cent and there is a steady stream of recruitment from the host universities.

Science parks are in the spirit of the 1980s, but the idea was originated in the 1950s by entrepreneurially-minded American academics keen to exploit their research. The first two in Britain, Heriot Watt and Cambridge, opened in the early 1970s. But British universities did not really catch on until the 1980s, when a rash of parks appeared.

The most typical arrangement is a partnership between the higher education establishment, a development agency and a local authority. Only four are wholly owned by their university collaborators: Heriot Watt, St John's and Trinity College parks, in Cambridge, and the Surrey University Research Park in Guildford. At Guildford courses are exclusively geared to business and technology, and students all have the chance to spend the third year of their degree courses on industrial or professional training with companies on the park.

Elsewhere, it might be slightly harder for students to become involved with the science or research park, though some companies can offer them jobs in the summer. But, more importantly, they should be aware of how deeply enmeshed the parks now are in university life and how vital they are in keeping top academics where students need them — at the university.

Surrey, for example, gives staff plenty of leeway for outside research work and is even examining ways of improving the tax arrangements for dons who take contracts with science park firms. The science park is a university's way of keeping all its good things behind the campus gates.

And good things *do* come out of science parks, a fact for which several thousand roosters ought to be grateful. Without a safe billet on Heriot Watt's science park, the bio-technology firm Fermentech might never have discovered how to manufacture something called hyaluronic acid, a highly viscous stuff used in eye surgery. Until they found how to get it from bacteria, it could only be extracted, I am sorry to say, from coxcombs.

The development of Fermentech's process is a perfect example of the science park's role. Tony Saville, managing director of the firm, says: "We are virtually members of the university. We use the libraries, the sports facilities, the staff common rooms, the dining halls, conference facilities, accommodation.

"And the park is very beautiful. It was originally a country estate — there is a lake, mature trees, the buildings blend in nicely. When we pick up visitors from Edinburgh airport and drive them out on to a university campus there is a sense of prestige that wouldn't be there if we were working on an ordinary business park."

Sarah Thompson

TOMORROW

Called to the Bar, but whose round?

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A to Z

LONDON to NEWCASTLE

London University colleges, continued from yesterday.

PRINCIPAL COLLEGES

Student views are taken either from the Alternative Prospectuses or Student Union spokesmen.

QUEEN MARY COLLEGE
Mile End Road, London E1 4NS (01-980 4811).
Undergraduates: 3,126 (M/F 2:1).
Major courses: Biology, Law, Computer Science. Most popular: Law, Economics, English.
Description: Once the People's Palace, a technical school for the urban poor, Queen Mary's is still science orientated but now has small but strong arts and social science faculties. Nearly 20 per cent of students are from overseas. New library in the autumn. Around 60 per cent of first-years offered accommodation.
Student view: "Accommodation becoming increasingly difficult as Docklands development pushes up rents in the East End but, if you want to live in London, QMC is the place to come. Small, friendly."
Famous graduates: Lady Falkender, Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, Sir Roy Strong.
Open days: Nine college tours between June and October.

ROYAL HOLLOWAY AND BEDFORD NEW COLLEGE
Egham Hill, Egham, Surrey TW20 OEX (0784 34455).
Undergraduates: 2,546 (M/F 1:1).
Major courses: English, History, Maths, Physics. Most popular include Drama and Theatre Studies, Computer Science, Music, Psychology.
Description: Beautiful 100-acre campus close to Windsor Great Park. Reputation for academic excellence. All first-years accommodated on site.
Student view: "Accommodation varies between a luxury 100-year-old 'chateau', a purpose-built conference block with en-suite bathrooms, and late 1960s breeze-block. Poor sporting facilities but sports hall planned."
Famous graduates: David Bellamy, Ivy Compton-Burnett, Richmal Crompton.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT (01-387 7050).
Undergraduates: 6,075 (M/F 5:4).
Major courses: Engineering, Law and Medicine. Most popular: English, Architecture, Psychology, and Geography.
Description: Close to the British Museum. Multi-faculty college with a balanced number of arts and science courses and a sound academic reputation. All first-years offered accommodation. A crowded but popular SU which helps run the Bloomsbury Theatre, a semi-professional venue.
Student view: "Centre of excellence in many subjects, including Medicine, Law, Engineering and the Arts. While teaching standards are high, SU facilities are painfully inadequate. Students operate 150 clubs and societies from a converted Seamen's Mission."
Famous graduates: Clare Francis, Jonathan Miller, Magnus Pyke, Lord Young.
Open days: June 27-30 (Chemistry, by invitation). For dates of other days contact Registry.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND MIDDLESEX SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT (01-387 7050)
Undergraduates: 975 (M/F 1:1)
Description: School close to both hospitals. Pre-clinical course at main college. Large number can take intercalated BSc. Friendly, fine training.

WESTFIELD COLLEGE
Kidderpore Avenue, London NW3 7ST (01-435-7141)
Undergraduates: 552 (M/F 1:2).
Major courses: English, History, French, Classics, German, Spanish, History of Art, Drama Combinations.
Description: A lovely residential campus in Hampstead. Small, friendly college with Arts Faculty only. A merger with Queen Mary College is planned. All first-years offered accommodation. Socially active SU and successful men's hockey and cricket teams.
Student view: "Very caring college mainly due to its small size; you are never just an anonymous face in the crowd. Accommodation varies from the palatial to the grotty. Queen Mother Hall is of the palatial variety."
Famous graduates: Andrea Newman.
Open day: February 1989.

SPECIALIST COLLEGES

BIRKBECK COLLEGE
Malet Street, London WC1E 7HX (01-580 6622).
Undergraduates: 1,100 (M/F 3:2).
Description: Specializes in mature, part-time students who are already in employment.

COURTAULD INSTITUTE OF ART
20 Portman Square, London W1H OBE (01-935 9292).
Undergraduates: 80 (M/F 3:4).
Description: Specialist centre for the study of the history of art. Plans to bring the Institute's superb art collection and its academic activities together by October 1989.

HEYTHROP COLLEGE
11-13 Cavendish Square, London W1M OAN (01-580 6941).
Undergraduates: 105 (M/F 2:1).
Description: One of the biggest schools of theology in the country. Largely mature students.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC
Marylebone Road, London NW1 5HT (01-935 5461).
Undergraduates: 320 (M/F 2:3).
Description: Training in musical performance to an international level.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Prince Consort Road, London SW7 2BS (01-589 3643).
Undergraduates: 450 (M/F 3:2).
Description: Practical and academic tuition. Excellent facilities include the new Britten Opera Theatre, concert and recital halls and a modern electronics studio.

SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES
Malet Street, London WC1E 7HP (01-637 2388).
Undergraduates: 660 (M/F 4:6).
Description: Modern complex near the British Museum. One of the foremost centres for Asian and African studies.

SCHOOL OF SLAVONIC AND EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES
Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU (01-637 4934).
Undergraduates: 320 (M/F 5:4).
Description: Specializes in teaching the languages, literatures, history and social sciences of the USSR and Eastern Europe.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Mandeville Place, London W1M 6AQ (01-935 5773).
Undergraduates: 450 (M/F 1:2).
Description: Renowned jazz orchestra and an opera group which mounts an annual full-scale production. Well-equipped electronics studio and a computerized aural laboratory.

WYE COLLEGE
Ashford, Kent TN25 5AH (0233 812401).
Undergraduates: 410 (M/F 1.6:1).
Description: Courses include Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Economics and Business Management, Agricultural Science and Rural Environment studies. The college has its own farm and research facilities.

LOUGHBOROUGH

Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU (0509 263171). Senior Assistant Registrar (Admissions).
Location: 216-acre low-rise campus one mile to the west of the town.
History: Granted charter in 1966.
Undergraduates: 4,579 (M/F 2.6:1).
Main areas of study: Electrical Engineering, Management Studies. Popular are Banking and Finance, Physical Education, Sports Science, Recreation Management. Length of degree course: three or four years.
Special features: Includes the Loughborough College of Art and Loughborough Technical College. Students can have a year's practical work experience in industry. Modern library and computer centre.
Social life: All first-years and many second and third-years guaranteed a room. International reputation for sporting achievement and sporting facilities include three sports halls, two gymnasia, two swimming pools, an all-weather athletics stadium and numerous games pitches.
Student view: "Student life is active, almost hectic. Everything is within walking distance. The catch phrase at Loughborough is 'Get Involved'."
Famous graduates: Alastair Biggart (Channel Tunnel Director), Sebastian Coe.
Open days: Contact Registry.

MANCHESTER

Manchester M13 9PL (061 275 2000). Inquiries: Registrar.
Location: Largest university outside London. Pleasant campus about one mile from the city centre.
History: First of the great civic universities. Founded in 1851, charter in 1903.
Undergraduates: 9,785 (M/F 5:4).
Main areas of study: Medicine, BA(Econ), Engineering, Computer Science and Physics, History and English. Popular are: BA(Econ) (especially Accounting), Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, Architecture, Drama. Length of degrees from three to six years.
Special features: Together with other centres, the largest educational precinct in Western Europe. Famous John Rylands Library. Science park.
Social life: First-years guaranteed accommodation. 14 halls of residence. Excellent theatre, art gallery, museum. Sporting facilities include multi-purpose sports centre.
Student view: "Well worth the effort to discover Manchester. If sport's your game, you'll be over the moon."
Famous graduates: Robert Bolt, Anthony Burgess, Anna Ford, Sir Maurice Oldfield.

NEWCASTLE

6 Kensington Terrace, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 7RU (091 232 8511). Inquiries: Registrar.
Location: Just north of the city centre on a 45-acre site.
History: Founded more than 150 years ago. Featured in the Channel 4 series *Redbrick*.
Undergraduates: 8,500 (M/F 3:2).
Main areas of study: Engineering, Arts and Social Sciences, Science, Medicine and Dentistry, Agriculture. Length of degree course: three to five years.
Special features: Main building of library opened just five years ago. Computer Centre system specifically designed for undergraduate use. Two farms and a Marine Biological Station.
Social life: All first-years offered accommodation. Two theatres on campus, orchestra and choir. Newly-opened Claremont Sports Hall, 18-hole golf course.
Student view: "Academic strategy requires the loss of 100 posts, so check the course you want is still there. Private accommodation is cheap, as is life generally. Most people fall in love with the city."
Famous graduates: Rowan Atkinson, Bryan Ferry, Dr Miriam Stoppard.
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SCIENCE REPORT

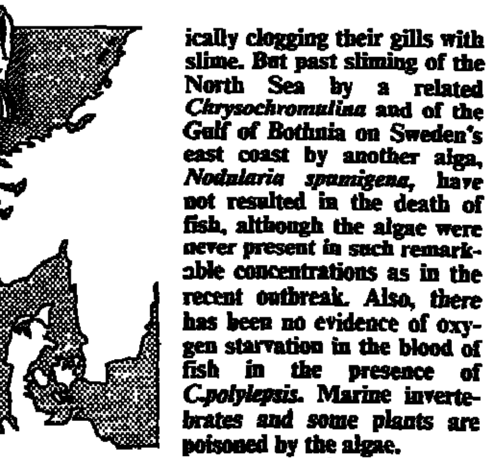
On the trail of the salmon killer

The disastrous outbreak of the killer algae *Chrysochromulina polylepsis* in the seas around southern Scandinavia seems to be over. In the end the rather fragile cells of the algae succumbed to buffeting by strong winds and sea currents, but not before 500 tonnes of salmon were killed and the Norwegian fishing industry suffered more than £100 million worth of damage in three weeks.

Several marine research centres in Scandinavia are collaborating to assemble information about the algae. The long-term aim is to set up an ecological early-warning system, but at present research is concentrated on modelling the conditions that led to the seeding and subsequent spread of the algae, and on understanding its killer action. Investigators include groups from the University of Gothenburg, Tjarno Marine Laboratories, the Kristinaberg Marine Station, and the Marine Institute in Bergen.

Norwegian calls for international efforts to control pollution have been given added impetus by the algae scare. There is no agreement yet on the source of the algal blooms: in Sweden it is known as the Danish alga, and in Denmark as the Swedish alga. Marine algae grow as a result of a favourable combination of conditions, such as sunlight, temperature, salinity, water movement and nutrient and oxygen availability. For example, upwelling of subsurface water in response to sea currents enriches surface water with micronutrients from decomposed phytoplankton.

Algae establish themselves by secreting a substance that inhibits rival species, the survivors being those best adapted to the prevailing conditions. Proliferation is encouraged by increasing concentrations of nitrate and phosphate, often derived from agricultural fertilizers or sewage. A species growing to the density of *C.polylepsis* indirectly consolidates its own competitive position by deoxygenating the water as it decays. Water pollution can sometimes promote the selection of rare strains of algae that can not only survive but grow more rapidly on the pollutants. Any of these factors could have helped the Scandinavian killer algae to flourish.



JOHN LAWSON

At first it was thought that the *C.polylepsis* suffocated the Scandinavian fish by physically clogging their gills with slime. But past sliming of the North Sea by a related *Chrysochromulina* and of the Gulf of Bothnia on Sweden's east coast by another alga, *Nodularia spumigena*, have not resulted in the death of fish, although the algae were never present in such remarkable concentrations as in the recent outbreak. Also, there has been no evidence of oxygen starvation in the blood of fish in the presence of *C.polylepsis*. Marine invertebrates and some plants are poisoned by the algae.

One suggestion is that these effects are caused by a toxin released by the organism. For the toxin to be released by the algal cells they may need to be more fragile than would otherwise be the case. Ironically, it may be this fragility that, in the end, has led to the destruction of the algae themselves by winds and currents. Released toxin would act chemically rather than physically to prevent respiration.

The process of energy production from foodstuffs in tissues involves a series of biochemical carriers that pass energy-rich electrons to oxygen. Inactivation of any of the carriers can halt the production of energy, causing death. Cyanide is one such inhibitor. It poisons the carriers known as cytochromes. Since cytochromes are present in all the marine victims of *C.polylepsis*, they are a likely target for any toxin it releases. Outbreaks of killer algae have occurred from time to time.

Exceptional blooms of *Gyrodinium aureolum* have caused substantial economic losses of fish in Ireland and Scotland. Local shellfish were wiped out a few years ago by this same species in an area off the east coast of Canada. On that occasion the algae responsible were demolished by herbicides, whereas this time natural mechanical destruction sufficed.

Rosalind Cotter

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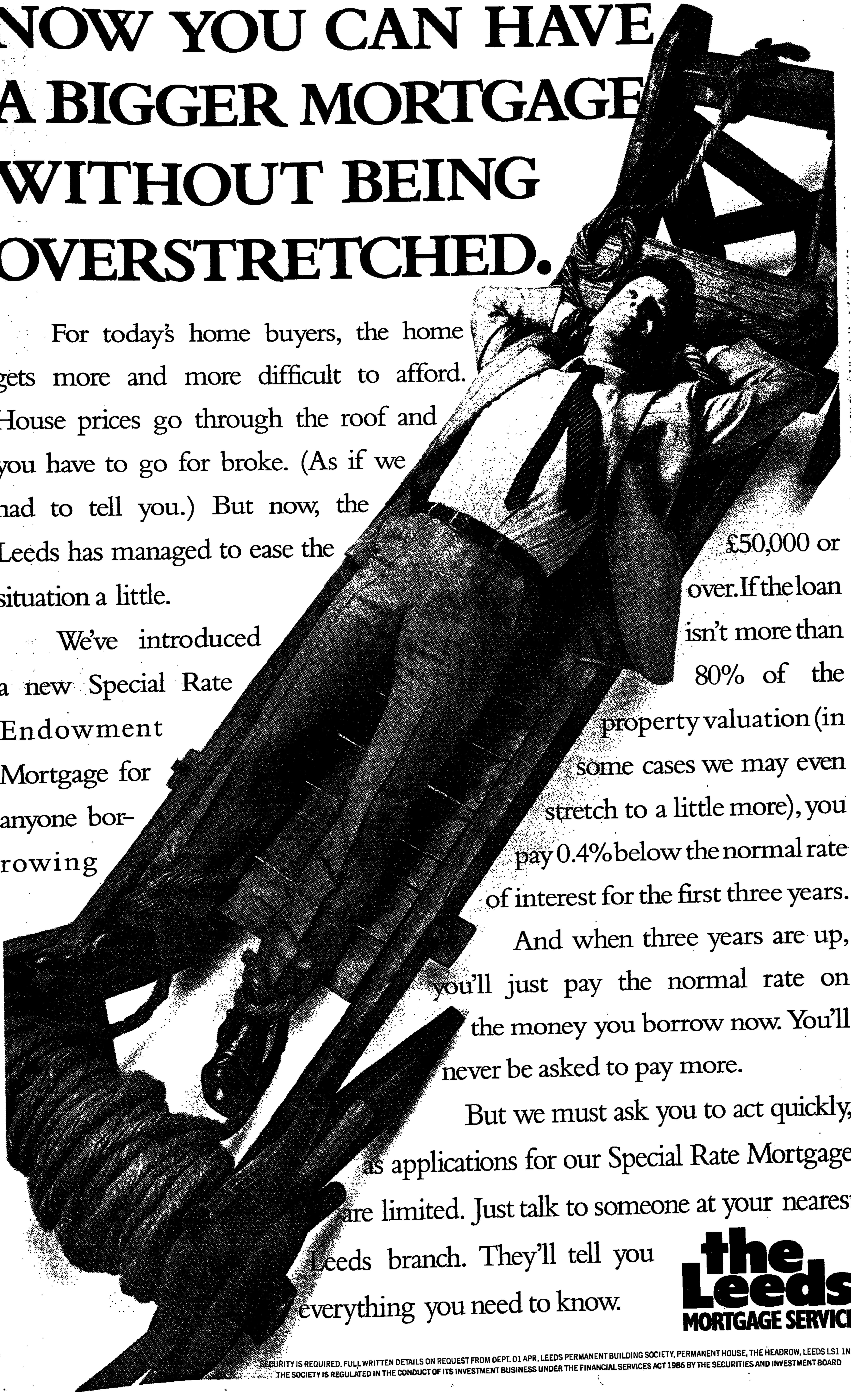

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TIMES DIARY

THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Robert Lawrence is not the first soldier to hazard his reputation by writing a book. Captain Nolan of the 15th Hussars, who bore the message from Raglan to Lucan which launched the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, was regarded as being "too clever by half", due to his arrogant manner and his authorship of books on cavalry training and tactics.

Nolan, who spoke five European and various Indian languages, was also the top steeplechase rider in India in his day and an expert swordsman. His background was cosmopolitan: his father, an ex-officer, was British Vice-Consul in Italy and Nolan was commissioned and fought with the Hungarian Cavalry in Poland before transferring to the British Army when he was 19.

As he was preparing the treatises on cavalry warfare which caused so much anxiety among his superiors, he was already recording his own life in a journal, the only remaining section of which will be sold at Sotheby's next month. Nolan was in the advance party to Russia, having spent his home leave from India volunteering for the job. The diary, covering the period from September 5 to October 12, 1854, 12 days before the charge, reveals him as a thinking soldier interested in every aspect of war from tactics and strategy to the details of the treatment of a boy's foot by an assistant army surgeon.

Not since Alec Waugh wrote *The Loom of Youth* has Sherborne been so upset by adverse publicity. This time it is not sexual morality but an outbreak of shoplifting which is being held up to public view. The retiring headmaster, Robin Macnaghten, assuaged the shopkeepers' not unnatural ire in a way, not previously reported, which would not have disgraced Dr John Keate, the 19th century headmaster of Eton. Keate's most famous beating involved 80 boys; Macnaghten did not match his score but he did lay into 28 of the new intake of 13 and 14-year-olds.

Times will change at Sherborne in the autumn when Peter Lapping, headmaster of Shiplake, takes over. Lapping, born in India, educated in South Africa and at Lincoln College, Oxford, has a character as forceful as it is charming. He dismisses beating, succinctly, as "out of date".

BARRY FANTONI

'We're breaking up our fortnight — a week in Corfu, a week at Gatwick'

Naval officers who fought in the Falklands were more than a little irritated when told by the authorities that they should not attend a colleague's farewell party — the guests including the islands' former governor, Sir Rex Hunt — arranged, by chance, on Argentina's national day. It would be, they were told, insensitive. The officers had hoped that the futility of trying to placate the Argentines had been demonstrated by the behaviour of Commander, now Captain, Alfredo Astiz after his capture in South Georgia. Astiz, one of the most notorious members of the old regime, was not only accused of torture by his fellow countrymen but was wanted by the French and Swedes investigating the disappearance of some of their nuns.

It was decreed, however, that Astiz should be treated as an officer and a gentleman. After dining with British officers he was placed under cabin arrest. Next morning his thoughtful hosts brewed him an early morning cup of tea, but Astiz had not wasted the night. Deprived of any weapon, he had spent the hours of darkness twisting a bedspring backwards and forwards until it finally snapped. He then fashioned a dagger from the wire and, as the orderly bent forward to give him his tea, stabbed him. Despite this, Astiz spent the rest of the Falklands War in considerable comfort and later, despite protests from France and Sweden, was unconditionally repatriated.

If your Harley Street doctor is less cheerful than usual when you see him next he may be grieving over the closing of Wainwright and Daughter. For years he and his predecessors have bought their meat, fish and game at the Marylebone shop. Alas it has just closed, another victim of the ever-increasing rents which are driving the smaller business out of the centre of London.

A quick glance around any bookstall will confirm that a revolution has taken place in magazine publishing over the last 10 years. The coffee table book has been replaced by the coffee table magazine, many projecting an idealized image of rural life and an unattainable standard of gracious living. It was the launching seven years ago of *The World of Interiors* by Min Hogg and the Australian journalist Wendy Harrop which spearheaded the change and demonstrated the size of the market waiting to be captured. The magazine has been a huge success but even so Wendy Harrop is leaving to start a consultancy to advise on design in general, magazine design in particular.

In her view we in Britain have too many pieces of antique furniture, too many old pictures and treasured heirlooms, all of which any owner feels have to be displayed. Harrop, brought up in a country with a scarcity of antiques, says her success has been due to exclusion rather than inclusion. The 18th-century desk may well have been inherited from grandmother but if it did not fit into a scheme it should be consigned to the storeroom.

Maurice Hodgson describes the civil justice committee's work

Streamlining the courts

The three-year review of civil justice whose conclusions were published yesterday took an unusual form for a government inquiry.

Its terms of reference were straightforward — "to improve the machinery of civil justice in England and Wales by means of reforms in jurisdiction, procedure and court administration, and in particular to reduce delay, cost and complexity." But at the same time Lord Hailsham, then Lord Chancellor, announced that an independent advisory committee would advise him and his officials on the issues arising in the course of the review.

The review examined in turn the arrangements for each of the main classes of civil business, including personal injuries, small claims, debt, housing, and commercial cases. It was not in the first instance to address family business, which was the subject of a separate inquiry. As the pattern of information from the individual studies became clearer, it addressed more general matters including the structure of the courts and the distribution of business between them.

Throughout the review the advisory committee worked with a small team of officials from the Lord Chancellor's Department. It held 41 joint meetings, each lasting at least half a day. This procedure worked well. It also enabled the department to plan ahead for the implementation of the recommendations, if accepted.

If the structure of the review was unusual, so too was the methodology. For each of the major classes of business there was first a factual study by management consultants working to a specification developed by the review body.

Analysis of the results led to the preparation of a consultation paper, including possible options for change, which was widely distributed to interested parties. Substantial time — about five months — was allowed for responses to each consultation paper.

Over 750 written submissions were received, including those on general issues. All were copied to each member of the committee. Responses were analysed by the department with additional weight given to those which emanated from major constituencies. Some were followed up by taking oral evidence. The report includes a chapter on each major class of business in addition to those relating to the system as a whole.

Diverse and sometimes conflicting views were expressed by respondents and there were some remarkable misconceptions, ranging from a belief by some advice agencies that the main purpose of the review was to find ways of economizing in legal aid, to a conviction that the Lord Chancellor's Department had decided in advance what it wanted, and that the review was a rubber stamp, and to a belief that the initial conclusions of the review had been suppressed by the judiciary. In fact the views and recommendations in the final report have been strongly influenced, sometimes radically, by the responses to consultation. The great majority of the recommendations received wide and in some cases almost universal support.

A possible merger of the two courts concerned with civil justice was particularly controversial. The review recommends that the High Court and the county court should remain separate but with better arrangements for ensuring that cases are allocated to the appropriate level of judge. Although the functions of the courts overlap, the High Court has special responsibilities. For example, its public law function and the collective independence of the High Court judiciary is a matter of constitutional importance.

A group of recommendations is concerned with changes in jurisdiction to ensure that cases are handled at the level most appropriate to their weight and complexity. It is recommended that the jurisdiction of the county court, which is presently £5,000, should be increased without limit and that it should normally handle cases up to £25,000. Within the county court it is recommended that registrars should try cases up to £5,000 and that the limit of the small claims arbitration procedure should be increased to £1,000.

To prevent cases drifting upwards in the system it is recommended that all personal injury cases should start in the county courts. A proposal for the introduction of a no-fault system for less serious motor car accidents (to be funded by private insurance) is put forward.

Although it does not advocate the introduction of an American-style contingency fee system in which legal fees are derived as a share of the proceeds of successful litigation, the report recommends that consideration should be given to changing the law which at present prevents any form of payment related to success or otherwise.

Other recommendations are designed to speed up and simplify present procedures, especially by assigning to the courts an active role in managing cases so that progress is less dependent on the litigants and their legal advisers. Procedural changes involving earlier exchange of evidence are recommended in order to reduce the duration of trials.

The factual studies confirm that many people are deterred from using the courts by the fear of cost. The review proposes wide publicity for solicitors' and barristers' fees to enable the public to have as much information as possible about how much their case will cost before they embark on litigation. They would also be better able to shop around for their legal services and this would create a more open market and more competitive prices. Proposals to increase the small claims jurisdiction and to extend rights of lay representation are also intended to help reduce costs.

It is difficult to feel confident of total objectivity in attempting to assess the degree of success achieved, especially as this will depend largely on the extent to which the recommendations are accepted and implemented. There will certainly be some who think it tries to go too fast and too far, and others who are disappointed it does not propose some of the changes they had hoped for.

Members of the advisory committee attended on average 37 of the 41 meetings, a remarkably high level. They brought with them knowledge and experience from a variety of constituencies, but they formed views as individuals, not as representatives. We did not of course agree on all issues, but there was no polarization and we worked on the basis "You win some, you lose some". Each of us won far more than we lost.

We considered whether some form of continuing review body might be established, but decided not to make such a recommendation. It could quickly become identified with the status quo. A periodic intensive review is probably better. Perhaps another might be appropriate in about 20 years.

Sir Maurice Hodgson, non-executive chairman of British Home Stores, was chairman of the Advisory Committee to the Civil Justice Review.

Conor Cruise O'Brien

Both special and senior

The "special relationship" is alive and well. The European allies were left in no doubt of that by Ronald Reagan's presence at Margaret Thatcher's side in the Guildhall, after the Moscow summit, while the rest of the alliance had to make do with George Shultz.

Neil Kinnock, for his part, doesn't think the relationship is all that special. "This is a personal relationship," he insists. But if it's just a personal relationship, what was *he* doing in the Guildhall? No, this was a special occasion, marking an exceptionally close relationship between two states: Ronald Reagan's America and Margaret Thatcher's Britain.

That is precisely where the shoe pinches for Kinnock. Mrs Thatcher is greatly admired in America, and he is not. While Mrs Thatcher, or some reasonably like-minded successor, is in power in Britain, the relationship between Britain and the United States will continue to be special, whether the next president is called Bush or Dukakis. But if Neil Kinnock becomes prime minister, what will be special about the relationship — unless he has wrought great changes in the Labour Party by then — will be its special frostiness. The leaders of France and West Germany will be more welcome in Washington than the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

This too is not a matter of "personal relationships". Kinnock's personality and style are such as to win him friends in America, and most other places. If he had been born in the United States he would have been a bonny Democratic contender for the presidency. But in fact he is leader of a party which will be bad news for the average American as long as it contains people who sound as if they like the United States a lot less than they do the Soviet Union — not just Gorbachov's Soviet Union, but *any* old Soviet Union, and in some cases preferably Stalin's. Kinnock would like to be rid of those people, but until he actually does the special relationship, under Kinnock as prime minister, would be a dead duck.

The most interesting thing about the special relationship, in its current phase at the top, is that the American partner has more to gain from it than the British one has. Many people in these islands believe that Ronald Reagan is not in possession of all his marbles, and a tribute from a person in that condition carries less weight than it otherwise might. And the speech in which the tribute was conveyed tended to corroborate the suspicion about a deficit of marbles.

Not the whole speech: the first part was all right, having been composed by some competent person in the presidential entourage. But the last part, as became embarrassingly clear, was all Reagan's own work. As the President burbled on, in an orgy of schmaltz-choked anecdotes, Mrs Thatcher must have experienced some of the sensations of a lady who, after being warmly complimented, begins to suspect that her admirer is drunk: in this case not drunk with liquor but with the distilled essence of the corniest moments in a thousand old movie scripts.

However she may have felt, Mrs Thatcher loyally played her part, and gave her slightly besotted admirer his meed of praise in return. And that, I believe, is what he came for.

The ceremony at the Guildhall was above all a rite of cleansing for Ronald Reagan on his return from Moscow and before his return to his own country. Millions of Americans, after all, still see Moscow as the capital of the "evil empire". There are millions of other Americans who doubt whether all the evil of that unhallowed place has really been exorcised by the magic words *glasnost* and *perestroika*. Reagan himself may well share those doubts. There may have been moments, as he was being dined and wined by Gorbachov, when Reagan faintly remembered an old proverb about an eminent personage to whose suppers one is recommended to bring a long spoon.

Ronald Reagan needed a blessing on himself and his journey, to reassure his people, and perhaps himself, that he had not been contaminated by his sojourn in Red Square. He got that blessing from the Iron Lady.

The summit apart, Reagan had a more general need for that blessing. He is today thinking almost exclusively about his place in history, and Mrs Thatcher's tribute set a seal on that. Her statement in the Guildhall will be the jewel in the last chapter of the Reagan memoirs: the answer to all the charges, and all the doubts.

Margaret Thatcher's authority in such matters is a clincher. In 1988 her credibility among Americans is higher than that of their own president. Since November 1986 many Americans have been wondering about their president, and whether some of those marbles may have gone missing. Mrs Thatcher has marbles to spare. Her government has handled such important matters as the country's finances more successfully than the Reagan administration. And Mrs Thatcher's anti-communist credentials are impeccable: a very relevant matter to Reagan's post-Moscow needs.

So the President of the United States, in the dying months of his presidency, needs the Prime Minister more than the Prime Minister needs him. And this is something without precedent in the history of the second half of the 20th century. Previous prime ministers have sought reflected glory from meetings with American presidents. Last week, it was the other way round. Furthermore, this is a very recent phenomenon. Two years ago, well-informed students of the special relationship could see nothing remarkable in the form the relationship had assumed under Reagan-Thatcher.

There is an interesting Oxford publication of 1986 called *The Special Relationship: Anglo-American Relations Since 1945* (edited by William Roger Louis and Hedley Bull) in which scholars from both sides of the Atlantic analysed various aspects of the relationship. One acknowledged that Mrs Thatcher "reportedly" had a close relation with Ronald Reagan. Another said that "a shared ideology brought Thatcher and Reagan closely together, but with none of the intimacy and warmth that characterized the Macmillan-Kennedy *entente*."

But those rather tepid assessments were framed before the onset, in November 1986, of Reagan's winter of discontent. Since then Mrs Thatcher's prestige, relative to Reagan's, has risen steeply. A wounded president needs someone to lean on. Richard Nixon leaned on Henry Kissinger (and much good it did him). Ronald Reagan, less gravely wounded, still has a need for Margaret Thatcher's arm, as he hobbles to his place in history.

That scene in the *Guildhall* may well mark an all-time high, as far as Britain's share of the special relationship is concerned. But whoever is elected president in November, Mrs Thatcher's experience, success and international standing will continue to provide her with greater influence in Washington than any British prime minister since Churchill.

I say these things not because it gives me any particular pleasure to say them but because I think they are true. As a matter of personal inclination, I should prefer to cheer for Neil Kinnock, if I could see something to cheer about. But perhaps there is the beginning of something to cheer about, in Kinnock's repudiation of unilateralism on Sunday. I say "the beginning", because so far the repudiation itself is unilateral, and personal.

Kinnock has now taken on both the leftists and the pacifists in his own party: a fairly formidable combination. If he wins that fight, he will begin to look distinctly more credible as an alternative prime minister. I wish him well.

Commentary • DIGBY ANDERSON

Abusing the family

A huge folder of papers has just arrived from a reader of this column who has taken an interest in child abuse. It consists of a two-year survey of press reports and correspondence with various child abuse agencies and experts.

The first case is of an unmarried mother and her boy friend who burned their daughter; the second of a teenage man who *killed* the seven-year-old daughter of a divorcée. Other children are variously sexually abused, strangled, thrown to their death, locked up then burned, starved, tortured, beaten, raped, bitten and electrocuted.

There are now well-known problems of how to define child abuse, estimate its extent and detect and prevent it. But both in the United States and Britain an additional worry is emerging about the degree to which concern with abuse has become ideological ammunition. At the extreme, men-hating feminists point out with relish how many child-abusers are men.

Both they and their socialist allies have drafted child neglect and cruelty into their long war against the family, claiming that it is now revealed not as the source of love, safety and social stability, but of perversion, torture and death. Some of the abuse lobby have found it easier to collude with this claim, or at least to leave it more or less unchallenged, than to deny it.

For example, a recent book, *Child Sexual Abuse*, by Danya Glaser, a consultant child psychiatrist at Guy's hospital and Dr Stephen Frosch, lecturer in psychology at Birkbeck College, suggests that incest could occur in any family, and that any man could be capable of abusing a child. Men guilty of child sex presented "in an extreme way patterns of behaviour present in all men". The families in which abuse happened might be "dramatising an aspect of family life inherent in all families".

The press survey in the reader's file suggests that vigorous denial is urgent. Certainly there is case after case of cruelty and neglect in the home. But in case after case this home is anything but traditional.

Not only is it untrue that the family in any traditional sense is to blame: it is precisely in those homes where traditional family norms are broken that abuse is disproportionately frequent and likely.

The experts the reader consulted ought, broadly, to have confirmed this speculation in the correspondence. Child abuse is heavily correlated with the presence in the home of unrelated males and with the mother being young and single. If the mean age of abused or neglected children is four, then some 77 per cent of cases appear to occur in such families, though they are but 16 per cent of homes. With children up to 10, such homes are a fifth but account for three-fifths of cases.

Most experts did not say this. Some pointed out, quite redundantly, that abuse occurs also in traditional families and waffled on about "many" non-traditional homes being "warm" and "loving." Others said how complicated it all was and how much research remained to be done. One tortuously admitted the relationship but blamed inadequate handouts and state help.

The fact that the matter being "complicated" does not prevent simple general statements being made was shown by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children's helpful reply, which, while aware of the dangers of "over-simplification" and of correlations being mistaken for causes, agreed that "child abuse, or reports of child abuse, are much more likely to occur in alternative rather than traditional families."

The reader, however, wanted to go one further. What many agencies meant by "traditional" was a family in which the children were with their biological parents. In addition to that, he meant that the parents were married. Some experts said this would be difficult to establish. What is much more interesting is the number who couldn't see the point in establishing marital status, even regarding it as merely legalistic.

Yet there are a host of reasons why marriage *might* be important. Research has shown unmarried couples to be less secure in their status as well as less committed. Marriage is a public and ceremonial commitment and sociologically it is highly plausible that married families will prove different from unmarried families. Factually, it is certain that cohabitees with one or more children have dissolution rates some three times those for married couples.

One expert written to was Edwina Currie, Under Secretary at the DHSS, whose department is organizing a national return on the statistics of child abuse. She appeared totally unappreciative of the potential relevance of marriage.

It is undoubtedly true that child abuse is complex and multi-factorial in cause — what social problem isn't? But currently there is an absurd situation in which abuse is being used to discredit the traditional family and marriage at a time when such information as there is shows it to be related to non-traditional associations, especially single, young mothers with unrelated males.

It is most odd that this government, which is making much of its commitment to the traditional family, is not publicizing the relationship between deviant associations and abuse and seeking to use the benefit structure to discourage both. Instead, it is precisely the category of parents most likely to abuse which is growing fastest, fed with increasing subsidies.

As for the experts, they, with exceptions such as the NSPCC, appear to be part of the problem.

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JUNE 8 **ON THIS DAY** 1942

Described by Sir Arthur Bryant as one of the decisive battles of history, Midway, in which four Japanese aircraft carriers and two cruisers were destroyed, marked the turning point in the Pacific war.

"VICTORY IN THE MAKING"

ADMIRAL NIMITZ'S CONFIDENCE

From Our Own Correspondent

NEW YORK, June 7

A powerful Japanese fleet which apparently had for its objective the capture of the American naval and air base at Midway Island, 1,300 miles north-west of Hawaii, has suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of the United States Pacific Fleet, American Army bombers, and American marines.

Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, reported last night that "a momentous victory is in the making". The battle is still going on — it began on Thursday with a Japanese bombing of Midway Island — but already the Japanese losses amount to:-

Two or three carriers and all their aircraft destroyed, in addition to one or two carriers damaged and most of their aircraft lost; three battleships damaged, at least one badly; four cruisers damaged, two heavily; and three transports damaged.

In his report Admiral Nimitz wrote: It was on a Sunday just six months ago that the Japanese made their peace-time attack on our Fleet and Army activities in Oahu. At that time they created heavy damage, it is true, but their act aroused the grim determination of our citizenry to avenge such treachery, and it raised, not lowered, the morale of our fighting men.

Pearl Harbour has now been partially avenged. Vengeance will not be complete until Japanese sea-power has been reduced to impotence. We have made substantial progress in that direction. Perhaps we will be forgiven if we say we are about midway to our objective.

WASHINGTON, June 7 — Admiral Ernest King [Commander-in-Chief US Fleet] said American losses were "relatively inconsiderable in comparison with those of the enemy."

The Japanese had thrown the bulk of their sea power into an attempt to occupy Midway. It was one of their methods of operation not to send a boy to do a man's job. The Hawaiian islands must be held at all costs. The Pearl Harbour base was "the key to the Pacific. . . ."

Referring to the effective aerial defence put up by the garrison, Admiral King said that American shore-based aircraft "played a big part on Midway".

"That means that for us to rush in now (where the enemy has shore-based aircraft) would not be well advised. That was an important point, because among the 130,000,000 amateur strategists in this country" many would probably advocate just such a follow-up action. — *Reuter*.

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PEOPLE'S LAW

A common view of English civil law at work is a mixture of Dickens and Kafka. The interminable lawsuit of Jarndyce v. Jarndyce combines with K's unending quest through corridors of closed doors to produce the image of a labyrinthine judicial system which ordinary plaintiffs penetrate at their own risk and, more to the point, at their own expense.

The Civil Justice Review was set up more than three years ago under the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, in an attempt to improve the machinery of civil justice and so counter this forbidding image. The review body, to its credit, began by recognizing what it is that deters people from seeking the justice that should be theirs. It acknowledged that there were procedural delays, that costs could run out of control, and that the complexity of the documents appeared to require a well qualified legal brain. That recognition alone was progress of a kind.

The review body then set out to see how the legal machinery could be modified to minimize the difficulties. In this respect, the resulting proposals, all 91 of them, may come as something of a disappointment. They recommend more an oiling of the machinery which drives civil justice, than the comprehensive overhaul that some had expected.

The most positive recommendations relate to the functioning of the lower courts and access to them. It is proposed that the sums over which small claims courts can adjudicate should be doubled to £1,000. The maximum for county courts has similarly been raised. The number of cases which must be referred to the High Court should be limited to those where the sum is larger than £50,000 or where issues of principle are concerned.

These revisions reflect partly the extent to which inflation has eroded the value of money over the years. They reflect, too, the increase in the value of private property since the ceilings were set. But they also represent an attempt to lighten the burden now carried by the High Court and so prevent delays — a theme which runs through the review body's report.

The review body has rejected the suggestion that the county courts and the High Court should be merged into one jurisdiction. The idea that there should be one court procedure had been a source of much contention. Regrettably, that option seems to have been rejected less on grounds of cost and efficiency and more to salvage the career progression of judges — who will also benefit from the establishment of a new grade. Promotion prospects may help to sustain the morale of the judiciary. But whether the continued separation of the two courts is in the interests of the plaintiff is another question and one which should be paramount.

The review body makes two proposals which will probably be less welcome to the legal profession. The first would allow lay representatives to assist those bringing certain civil cases. This would extend in a limited way the system currently operating in the small claims court. How far complainants would take advantage of the change may be open to question, especially if — as is recommended elsewhere — lawyers are able to advertise their rates. Together, however, the changes could bring down costs and remove some of the mystery from court procedure. If litigation thereby becomes more accessible, so much the better.

The second change would increase the working hours of High Court judges. A cut in the long vacation from two months to one should help to increase the number of cases that can be heard. Progress in this direction has already begun. The "target" of a five-hour working day, however, will sound little short of ludicrous to most people unfamiliar with the courts of law. There are mitigating circumstances in that these hours are counted as the time the court is actually sitting and most judges are said to work almost five hours already. But is even a full five-hour day acceptable when civil cases take on average more than 18 months to come before the High Court?

There is still room for improvement, and not only here. One of the review body's most realistic recommendations is that if some of its measures prove impossible, further steps need not be ruled out. Those further steps may have to be taken sooner rather than later.

GIROBANK FOR SALE

The Government has put up a "For Sale" sign on Girobank. The sale is hedged about by restrictions, but they fall short of any golden share to keep foreigners at bay.

Girobank has been plotted on the sell-off chart since it acquired plc status in 1985, but privatization can be only a half-hearted affair because it will still rely on the Post Office for its branches and the Government for a substantial chunk of its business. Not quite the pub with no beer, Girobank is rather a bank without branches. Its public face peers uncertainly across the Post Office counter and from ill-defined advertising which does little more than hint that Giro is, somehow, "a good thing".

All the usual reasons can be advanced for privatizing a would-be commercial company operating within the constraints of the Whitehall apparatus and selling Girobank to the highest (acceptable) bidder. It has been operating with insufficient capital, a few tens of millions rather than the hundreds of millions of pounds it needs. The business has consequently been under-developed. Its loan book is insignificant and its employees lack motivation through incentives. Within its confines, it has done well.

But any bidder for Girobank will have to accept that it is not picking up a stand-alone business. That is why it could not be offered for sale in the form of shares to be traded on the stock market. On one side, it relies on distributing government money: one of the biggest contracts that Girobank has on a rolling five-year basis is the encashing of dole and other social security benefits sent out as giro cheques to individuals.

Girobank business is done through the 20,000 or so Post Office counters around the country. Only a few weeks ago a new contract was signed which keeps the bank-and-counters arrangement in place for another five years. This would be fine if the public face of the bank were set by employees of the bank rather than employees of the Post Office.

The Post Office affects the sell-off in another way, too. One of the criteria by which bids for Girobank will be judged is how development plans would impinge on the Post Office, especially the counters. Unless the Post Office, which currently owns Girobank likes the look of the buyer, there will be no deal. A potential buyer may find he has to dance to the Post Office tune. This is not ideal.

That said, there is likely to be a queue of would-be buyers which will rival the length of the Post Office queues on Saturday mornings. The criteria laid down by the Government for the Post Office in conducting the sale make it plain that the big clearing banks are out of the running. Widening of customer choice has been set as a key criterion.

But the Scottish banks or the Co-operative Bank would appear to be in the running; even, perhaps more intriguingly, a foreign bank or financial operator — whether Japanese, American or, no doubt, Swiss. Foreign interests would, like any other suitor, need to get Bank of England approval. Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has to approve the final terms of sale, too. It would be a wonderful irony if a Swiss bank ends up handling the benefit cheques for former workers in, say, the chocolate industry.

A key factor for the Government in getting Girobank to market is to increase competition between high street banks. Girobank is already the sixth largest banking operation. Its privatization may prepare the ground for a major building society to move in — and really squeeze the big clearing banks. That would be no bad thing.

IRANIAN OVERTURES

For eight years, Britain and Iran have wrangled over the compensation due for their respective embassies which were badly damaged in unrelated incidents eight and nine years ago. That they should come near to an agreement now, at a time when this Government is under pressure to secure the release of British hostages in Lebanon, may be no more than coincidence. But the sudden progress deserves a cautious welcome.

Relations between the two countries have been difficult since the Iranian revolution of 1979. But even when the British Embassy was sacked, this country retained official, if tenuous, links. The fear that, by cutting those links, Britain would abandon Tehran to its economic rivals and political adversaries persuaded the Foreign Office to maintain them.

Anglo-Iranian relations came close to fracture again last year. After an Iranian official in Britain was arrested on a criminal charge, a senior British diplomat was kidnapped in Tehran and beaten up. But once more neither country stepped over the brink. Relations were frozen in the hope and expectation of a thaw. This is worth recalling because it reflects the value which both capitals still attach to each other.

The settlement now being discussed was first proposed by the Foreign Office in May last year — so it is said. It is only now that the Tehran Government has responded. This country would receive £900,000 compensation for the damage to its mission in Tehran, while paying £1.9m for the Iranian Embassy in London — gutted by fire when the Special Air Service rescued its staff from terrorists in 1980.

The circumstances are so dissimilar that for Iran to be £1m in balance on the deal, sounds bizarre. The discrepancy may reflect the relative damage to the two buildings. But the suspicion that a deal is being done over hostages is understandable.

Last month the Government was criticizing France for its apparent bargain with Iran to free three French hostages in Lebanon. Their release in Beirut coincided with France's announcement that it was repaying a second instalment of a $1 billion loan from the late Shah. It is hardly surprising that interested observers have drawn parallels.

British opposition to bargaining directly or indirectly with terrorists has been constant and unequivocal. It would be a retrograde step for the Government to pay a ransom to Tehran in the hope that it would exert its influence on the gunmen who are holding the hostages in Beirut. So far Whitehall has kept its hands clean — or so it seems. That the long-standing dispute over compensation should be settled nearly a decade after it began, is not unreasonable. Nor is it wrong for both countries to seek to repair their damaged links.

Iran has serious economic and military problems, which have grown in recent months with Iraqi successes in the Gulf War. Its anxiety to raise its international status, reflects perhaps an increasingly pragmatic approach to the Western world, even if that approach has been largely forced on it.

The best way for Iran to prove its return to respectability would be for it to secure the release of the remaining hostages. If this is the fruit of a new Anglo-Iranian relationship, it is all to the good. But Iran should understand that this country is not prepared to make concessions or special deals to satisfy the ambitions of a band of brigands in Beirut or a regime of fanatical mullahs in Tehran. Any government which did that, however humane its motives and however just its cause, would be selling itself cheap and betraying the trust placed in it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

German model for UK investors

From Sir Charles Villiers

Sir, Lord Caldecote (June 1) calls for a stimulation to investment in British industry. He knows. He was chairman of 3i, which was started in 1946 as FFI (Finance for Industry) and ICFC (Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation) to specialise in investment on market terms in British industry. It is owned by British banks, including the Bank of England.

Compare 3i with the West German Reconstruction Bank, Kfw, set up in 1948 with the D-mark equivalent of Marshall Aid dollars, committed to the development of German small and medium industrial businesses, with loans *below* market rates. It is owned by federal and state governments.

In 1984 3i stated "to date we have committed over £2.8 billion towards the development of British industry and commerce". In 1985 Kfw made domestic industrial investment loans of £2.8 billion at today's rate of exchange. So, Kfw lent in one year what 3i and its forbears had lent in 40 years. Today's comparison is unlikely to be very different.

The reason is that Kfw raises money cheaply, pays no dividends or tax and can thus lend, through the banks, at rates which are very favourable to German industry.

Germany is just as committed to free market capitalism as Britain, but the Kfw has enabled investment there to continue at a pace which outclasses Britain, where high rates of interest, for fear of inflation, have retarded our wealth creation, despite a £1 billion p.a. spend by Lord Young's DTI. I do believe we have something to learn from the German example in creating wealth to avoid inflation.

Yours truly,
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June 2.

University posts

From Professor Sir Ernst Gombrich, OM, FBA

Sir, Karl Marx notoriously taught that civilization is but a by-product (or "superstructure") of impersonal economic forces. Today those who are presumably his opponents, like your contributor, Stuart Sexton (May 24), go one better and insinuate that the organs of civilization should submit to economic forces.

Universities, like department stores, must simply discontinue lines which are not cost-effective (e.g. Assyrian). May one still hope that the holders of the purse-strings perceive the danger of thus turning a wrong diagnosis into a lethal prescription?

Yours etc,
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Poly quality

From Professor G. J. Goodhardt

Sir, I was interested to see the view of Professor Ulph, quoted in your Good University Guide (May 31), that polytechnic graduates reach about the same level as a second-year university student. This is so contrary to my own experience that I am led to wonder on what his opinion is based.

I have taught and examined at a number of universities and polytechnics, but more importantly I am involved in the recruitment of graduates from a wide range of disciplines and institutions to a large masters programme. I can say I have never come across a polytechnic graduate with first-class honours who was not clearly and in all respects of first-class quality. I am afraid the same cannot be said of some of our universities. Indeed, I see many "upper seconds" from polytechnics who are far better than many "firsts" from universities.

At the other end of the scale, all the honours graduates I have seen from polytechnics seemed to me worthy of honours. Some of our universities, including (I might almost say, especially) some of our oldest and most prestigious, appear sometimes to award third-class honours merely for attendance!

Yours faithfully,
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Customer service?

From the Rev P. F. Wilkinson

Sir, In the past six months, having recently moved house, I have had to write to gas, electricity, telephone, insurance and mortgage companies with a number of queries. In every case the correspondence has become quite unnecessarily involved and protracted because of the failure of those who opened the letter to absorb what I was really saying and their consequent despatch of a stereotyped and quite inadequate response.

Presumably this sort of thing happens only to the letters from the customers of such services, whilst those concerned with "important" matters are directed to a higher grade of staff. But how do they know? Is it simply that the latter are by definition only those within and between such companies? Or is there actually some sort of secret password?

Yours faithfully,
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Labour's stance on nuclear arms

From Dr J. M. Lewis

Sir, Has Neil Kinnock — principal speaker at the CND's 1983 Hyde Park rally — really moved away from nuclear unilateralism for Britain as your Correspondent, Philip Webster, suggests (report, June 6)? Neither past nor current pronouncements support this interpretation.

In March, 1987, with an election looming, Kinnock conceded that an incoming Labour Government would not force the Americans to remove cruise missiles whilst negotiations for the simultaneous scrapping of Soviet SS-20s were still under way. Yet this was not a retreat from Labour's commitment to dispose of cruise: it soon emerged that, if no INF deal were reached, the missiles would nevertheless be expelled.

Despite attempts to obscure the fact, there is a logical incompatibility between multilateralism and unilateralism. Supporters of both views hope that, by giving up certain weapons, concessions can be secured from potential opponents; but only the unilateralist will go ahead with disarmament, whether or not such a response is guaranteed.

Without that guarantee, the multilateralist will insist on keeping his weapons. The unilateralist, by contrast, does not cease to be a unilateralist if he manages to get something in return for disarming. The question is whether what he hopes to get is so important to him that he will not disarm without it.

Consequently, to establish if Kinnock is really shifting from unilateralism rather than simply camouflaging it, we need to ask him this: "Granted that you hope to gain some Soviet nuclear reductions if Britain gives up its deterrent, are you now saying that *in the absence of adequate Soviet reductions* we should keep our nuclear weapons? Or should we give them up anyway?"

A close look at his June 5 BBC interview strongly suggests the latter:

> We are committed to decommissioning, and that remains the position. What we get in return for that decommissioning is a bonus for Britain and a bonus for the world.

Asked if "an incoming Labour government . . . would get rid of Trident or would it keep it?", Kinnock replied: "We want to get *rid of Trident* . . . it is already clear that bilateral reciprocal missile-for-missile reductions between any part of the West and the Soviet Union has been on for some time." He went on to refer to long-standing Soviet offers to scrap missile submarines on a one-to-one basis with the British Polaris fleet.

Thus, Labour would abandon the entire British deterrent in return for a two or three per cent diminution in Soviet strategic nuclear firepower. This is not, as he suggests, the giving up of "something for something" but the abandonment of everything in return for anything. If Mr Kinnock is setting the price for scrapping nuclear weapons so low, we may be sure that his intention is to abandon them, whether or not some derisory Soviet concession is obtained.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN LEWIS, Director,
Policy Research Associates,
35 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.
June 6.

Defence funding

From Mr Michael Chichester

Sir, Mr Armitage (June 1) is right. A thorough defence review is long overdue but the Government is unwilling to admit the fact. Whilst its reforming zeal is directed to devising new means of managing the two largest items of its expenditure (social security and health) it has failed to realise that defence, the next most expensive item, is an equally urgent case.

Our defence commitments are indeed "too great and too diffuse" for the amount of money that this Government is prepared to spend on national security. As far as our contribution to Nato is concerned, they have long since ceased to represent the most strategically necessary, or the most nationally suitable role for an island nation with a unique military tradition, geographical position and economic structure within the European Community.

In an increasingly fast-moving situation the whole question of a new global strategy for the Western Alliance is coming under review. High on this agenda will be the future defence of western Europe and the best method of sharing the military burdens of this defence between the nations of Europe and the USA and Canada. In Brussels, Nato ministers have established a group to study this problem and report before the end of the year.

Here is a golden opportunity for Britain to submit to its allies a new and imaginative role for our forces in the European theatre, based on the provision of strategically mobile and tactically flexible units of all arms and services.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
MICHAEL CHICHESTER,
The Mead House,
Taynton, Burford, Oxfordshire.

From Brigadier John Hemsley

Sir, Mr Michael Armitage recommends that a future defence review should concentrate on the procedural aspects of defence expenditure rather than the actual vote allocated to defence *per se*. He is right, but surely the fundamental issue is a political one.

The Government must either afford a defence budget which relates more closely to the strategic priorities which it has set, or tailor the defence requirement more closely to the funds available. Mr Armitage mentions the problems of overstretch, but it is a political decision whether or not we can afford to continue having a "defence for all seasons".

In short, any defence review will reflect perceptions of the immediate and long-term potential threat to the nation. If the Armed Forces continue to be given inadequate resources to meet the full defence commitment, then there must be open political recognition of the risk to national security.

Otherwise it is inevitable that the military will suffer from a sense of frustration and decline in efficiency. Naturally this in no way absolves the procurement executive from its duty to secure best value for money.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HEMSLEY,
Starve Lark Farm,
Compton Martin, Somerset.

Meadows sweet

From Dr Diana Griffith

Sir, I read today's report (June 2) on the London cemeteries controversy with some interest. Two days ago I visited the Mill Hill field concerned and found it a well-managed semi-improved meadow. Neighbouring garden-owners say it was grazed until very recently and there appears to be one season's growth of herbage.

The adjoining fields were being grazed by cattle and had a similar flora, mainly grass and buttercups but also lady's smock, ragged robin, bird's foot trefoil, clover, red campion, sheep's sorrel and vetches and with hedges including rose and hawthorn.

Immediately to the south lies the Dutch war cemetery and a small British war cemetery, together with an area of apparently unsprayed close-cut species-rich grassland typical of old meadow sward, with bugle, cat's ear, ox-eye daisy and sedges, as well as lady's smock and ragged robin.

By no stretch of imagination could the field to the north of the Mill Hill cemetery be described as "scrubland".

Yours faithfully
DIANA GRIFFITH,
27 Southway,
Totteridge, N20.

Conscience votes

From Dr G. F. Wood

Sir, Why should Parliament legislate on *any* morally contentious issue (Dr N. M. de S. Cameron, May 31)?. It seems that members of Parliament are not prepared to leave to the general public the right of moral choice that they claim for themselves. Instead they agree that one particular moral code should be enforced on the public as a whole by legal sanction.

When, as in the case discussed by Dr Cameron, the supporters of the proposed legislation come predominantly from one religious group, the whole thing looks like an attempt to write religious descrimination into the statute books. All praise to those lovers of tolerance who are prepared to defeat such measures by any means at their disposal.

These considerations apart, it is worth noting that MPs are not elected for their moral/ethical beliefs, and cannot claim to be in any way representative of their constituents in these matters. Surely it is time that the farce of the "conscience vote" was abolished.

Yours faithfully,
G. F. WOOD,
Sunnyside Cottage, Newmarket,
Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.

Measures of health

From Mr Stephan Schattmann

Sir, Professor Sir Hermann Bondi (June 3) does not agree that more of the nation's resources should be devoted to hospitals and patients because, using life expectancy and perinatal mortality as yardsticks, there was virtually no correlation between health care expenditure and health.

Sir Hermann seems to suggest that present resource allocations are adequate to ensure patients' access to facilities, if and when required. Yet a former Conservative Health Minister stated earlier this year that the UK was the only civilised country operating hospital waiting lists.

Waiting lists do not exist when there is an adequate number of beds available for patients, backed by the required staff and efficient management. Yet in the UK the post-war hospital building programme has proceeded at a slower pace than elsewhere in the Community. And whatever the present acute capacity problems of the NHS, they existed before the advent of Mrs Thatcher's Government in 1979.

In 1978 (the last complete year of a Labour Government) there were 179 inhabitants per hospital bed (excluding psychiatric beds) in Great Britain, against 101 in Germany, 118 in Italy, 122 in France and an estimated EC average of 130 (source: Eurostat).

The Master of Churchill College, Cambridge, is, of course, quite right that improved housing, better pollution control, road safety etc are essential for the nation's health, but so is the access to health care facilities for its citizens when they need it.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHAN SCHATTMANN,
65c Wigmore Street, W1.

Doubts on need for homework

From Mr E. Armitage

Sir, You report (June 2) that head teachers are wanting parents to promise that children do not play truant, are punctual and do their homework. From the first two of these desiderata no one could seriously dissent but may I ask, as a former headmaster myself, why homework should still be considered necessary?

It is hated by children. It is divisive, separating the swots (who spend unnecessary hours doing it) from those who do not care whether they come first or 21st in a class order (and consequently spend as little time as possible on it).

It is a time-consuming and divisive chore for teachers — compare, for example, the time needed to check the answers to some maths problems with the time needed to read a similar number of English or history essays. It is a source of friction between children and parents (and school) when homework clashes with other juvenile inclinations.

If teachers insist on its usefulness, why is not an hour at the end of the school's normal time-table devoted specifically each day to homework?

Yours faithfully,
E. ARMITAGE,
11 Cambridge Road,
Ely, Cambridgeshire.
June 2.

Opting out of NHS

From Mr Andrew Mitchell, MP for Gedling (Conservative)

Sir, Over recent days a number of your correspondents — not least the highly respected King's Fund (May 25) — have sought to suggest that if the Government were to introduce an opt-out provision as part of a health charge for the NHS, a two-tier system of clinical care would, *de facto*, result. This is not necessarily the case.

The ability to opt out could only operate at the margin because the private sector offers cover for comparatively little of the total gamut of health care provision. In addition, in calculating the proportion of any health charge to be rebated, account would have to be taken of the residual risk and possible return to NHS cover as well as the basic concept of "solidarity" which characterizes our health service.

But although marginal, the "opt-out" provision would give an additional incentive to private sector development as well as to those who, if free to do so, would choose to spend a modest amount of their own money on their health care. Above all, it would increase the availability as well as the quality of health facilities in an area of medicine currently under increasing pressure.

The issue of opting out should be given a fair wind rather than a retreat into the shibboleths of the past.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
ANDREW MITCHELL,
House of Commons.
June 2.

Sign of the cross

From Mr K. G. Stevens

Sir, Chinese drivers, and more so pedestrians, think twice when they pass inscribed stones, looking remarkably like milestones bearing Chinese characters at the side of a road. These have been placed there by relatives of individuals who died in accidents at those spots and bear the title of the Buddha Amitabha — in Chinese, Omitofu.

The repetition of the word Omitofu, said with genuine belief and feeling, not only assures devotees being borne straight to the western heaven; it also aids the soul of the victim who, having died before his due day, has been left wandering aimlessly and perhaps vindictively near by, awaiting release.

A number of these stones, each with smouldering incense sticks before them, line the edge of one short stretch of road near Maipo in Hong Kong, despite which drivers still drive like Jehu, doubtless swallowing hard and averting their eyes.

Yours sincerely,
K. G. STEVENS,
9 Cherry Glebe,
Mersham, Kent.

Moulders of form

From Mrs Caroline M. Buddery

Sir, My grandfather at his golden wedding anniversary party wore the morning suit, shirt and tie and top hat in which he was married. He did not ask my grandmother or my mother to wash and iron his shirt and tie for the occasion but laundered and pressed his clothes himself while my grandmother was having her hair done in preparation for the party.

Needless to say, the clothes all fitted him perfectly and he cut a very dashing figure. He surprised us all, including my grandmother, for he had not breathed a word of his plans for his outfit.

Yours sincerely,
CAROLINE M. BUDDERY,
33 Addison Road, Gorleston,
Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

From Mr. J. G. W. Thring

Sir, I am today wearing my great-great-grandfather's silk handkerchief as a cravat. This is one of three that I use, embroidered with his name and the date "1814".

Yours faithfully,
J. G. W. THRING,
Rosslyn House,
Dormansland, Surrey.
May 30.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 7: The Queen this morning greeted a group of children brought to the forecourt of Buckingham Palace by the London Taxi *Drivers' Fund* for Underprivileged Children to mark their 60th Anniversary.

The Earl of Airlie (Lord Chamberlain) had an audience of The Queen and presented an Address from the House of Lords to which Her Majesty was *graciously pleased to make* reply.

The Right Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister *and First Lord of the Treasury*), had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Master, attended the Annual General Meeting and luncheon at Trinity House.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM, was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President of the National Playing Fields Association, this evening attended a reception at Ovington Square.

Captain James Fraser was in attendance.

The Duchess of York this evening attended the Gala Performance of the Rambert Dance Company at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London EC1.

Miss Helen Hughes was in attendance.

The Princess Royal this morning opened the Festival Drayton Town Centre (Chairman, Mr G. Vernon) at Market Drayton and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for *Shropshire (Mr* John Dugdale).

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Malcolm Wallace, *travelled in an aircraft of The* Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr A. C. *Gilmour at the Memorial* Service for Mr Drummond Abernethy which was held at St Mary Le Bow Church, *Cheapside*, London EC2, this morning.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited Northern Ireland, and in the morning, as President of the National Trust, opened the restored Castle Coole in Enniskillen.

In the afternoon Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, was present at the Secretary of State's Garden Party at Hillsborough Castle.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Angela Oswald, Sir Martin Gilliat and Captain Giles Bassett were in attendance.

Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 7: The Princess of Wales, Patron, British *Lung Foundation*, this morning visited the Chest Medicine Unit at Papworth Hospital, Papworth Everard, *Cambridgeshire*.

Her Royal Highness subsequently visited the Assisted Ventilation Unit at Newmarket *General Hospital, Exning Road*, Newmarket, Suffolk.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales Advisory Group on Disability, was represented by Mr William Buchanan at the Memorial Service for the Baroness Lane-Fox which was held in St Margaret's, Westminster, today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 7: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, was present this evening at the Four Stars Golf Tournament Dinner and Ball held at the Hotel Inter-Continental in aid of the St John Ambulance Centenary Appeal.

The Countess Alexander of *Tunis was in attendance.*

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 7: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Headquarters Royal Air Force Support Command, Royal Air Force Brampton, Cambridgeshire.

His Royal Highness, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Army Educational Corps, left Royal Air Force Northolt this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to visit RAEC units, British Army of the Rhine, West Germany.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent *celebrate the twenty-seventh* anniversary of their marriage today.

A memorial service for Sir John Clements will be held at St. Paul's, Covent Garden, on Thursday, June 23, at noon.

Luncheons

Glaziers' Hall
Mr David Graham-Wood, President of Glaziers' Hall, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the hall to mark its tenth anniversary. The guests of honour were the Duke of Grafton, who was a speaker, and the Duchess of Grafton. Mr R.L. Seaman and Mr D. Randolph also spoke. Others present included:

Sir Hugh Wontner, Alderman Sir David and Lady Rowe-Ham, the Master of the Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass, the Master of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company, the Master of the Launderers' Company, the chairman of the hall and their ladies.

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain
The Hon George Younger, *Secretary of State* for Defence, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday at Dartmouth House by the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain. Mr Kaye Whiteman, president, was in the chair.

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution
The Duke of Northumberland, president, presided at the luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal after the 128th annual general meeting of the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institu*tion. The guest speaker was Mr* Simon Gourlay, President of the National Farmers' Union.

Westminster School

The following have been elected to Queen's Scholarships:

G P Albutt (St John's College School, Cambridge); W G A Haggard (Dulwich College Preparatory School); D C Alexander (Bickley Park School); N Y Mansour (Westminster Under School); J A Simmons (Bickley Park School); J Allison (Newland House School); K Foroughi (Westminster Under School); M E Parry (Westminster Under School); R D Chavannes (Danes Hill School).

The following have been awarded Honorary scholarships:

A M Potter (North Bridge House School); D Rhode (Westminster Under School).
The Music Scholarship has been awarded to M E Parry (Westminster Under School); and Music Exhibitions to D C Alexander (Bickley Park School) and A E W Park (Westminster Under School).

Sixth Form Scholarships have been awarded to:

Felicity Fallon (Ursuline Convent School); M D Bradbury (Edlington Comprehensive School, Doncaster); Catherine Whitaker (Ursuline Convent School).

Latest wills

Sir Barrie Heath, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, Battle of Britain pilot and Chairman of Guest Keen and Nettlefold 1975-79, left estate valued at £1,366,275 net.

Sir Denis Le Marchant, 5th Bt, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, *High Sheriff of Lincolnshire* 1958, left estate valued at £634,286 net.

Mr Michael Charles St John Hornby, of Faringdon, Oxfordshire, Chairman of W. H. Smith and Son 1944-65, left estate valued at £192,982 net.

Miss Ethel Beatrice Ashby, of Boscombe, Dorset, left estate valued at £456,915 net. She left *£5,000 to St Andrew's Church*, Boscombe, and the residue equally between King George's Fund for Sailors, the RAF *Benevolent Fund and the Army* Benevolent Fund.

Abingdon School

The following Scholarship elections have been made for 1988:

Foundation Major Scholarships: A.N. Janisch (Long Close School); N.J.G. Hardy (Crosfields School); A.J.H. Clark (Dragon School).
Foundation Minor Scholarships: F.R. Aish (Pilgrim's School).
Foundation Exhibitions: S.A.J. Turner (St Edward's School, Reading); A.W.J. Ward (Cothill).
Music Major Scholarship: T. Pilling (New College School).
Music Minor Scholarship: B. Pilling (New College School/Abingdon School).
Music Exhibitions: R.J. Finch (Dunmore CPS, Abingdon); K.R.J. McMorris (Wantage CES/Abingdon School); S.J. Pralley (Christ Church Cathedral School); D.A. Franks (New College School); J.A. Milne (Halleybury Junior School).
Art and *Design Scholarship*: D.M. Buckland (New College School).
Art and Design Exhibition: M.W. Fowkes (Josca's Prep School).

Trinity House

The Duke of Edinburgh was re-elected Master of the Corporation of Trinity House for the ensuing year at the annual court held yesterday. Captain P.M. Edge was elected deputy master *and Captain L R. C. Saunders* and Captain P. F. Mason wardens.

Service dinner

The Rifle Brigade
General Sir Richard Worsley presided at the annual dinner of The Rifle Brigade held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr G. Denvir
and Mrs S.M.P. Ashby
The engagement is announced between Gabriel, second son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Denvir, of Knatchbull Road, London, SE5, and Sarah, daughter of the late Sir Stephen Luke and Lady Luke, of Breamore, Hampshire.

***Flight Lieutenant* M.J.A. Allman, RAF**
and Miss C.M. Sutton
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Allman, of Guildford, and Clare, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B.B. Sutton, of Taunton.

Mr J.J. Ashby
and Miss P.T. Brandon
The engagement is announced between James Julian, youngest son of the late Mr H.K. Ashby and of Mrs B. Ashby, of Oxford, and Pamela Thirza, younger daughter of the late Mr P.J. Brandon, and of Mrs U.T. MacGranthin, of Valencia, Spain.

Mr G.W. Bevan
and Miss H. Parry
The engagement is announced *between George William*, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.L. Bevan, of Mold, Clwyd, North Wales, and Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Parry, of New Brighton, Mold, Clwyd.

Mr N.W. Bridges
and Miss T.J. Kitching
The engagement is announced between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs David Bridges, of St Boswells, Borders Region, and *Tania*, daughter of *Mr Nigel* Kitching, of Great Ayton, and Mrs Helene Kitching, of York.

Mr P.G. Cronin
and Miss M.S. MacKean
The engagement is announced between Patrick Gerard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Frank S. Cronin, of Cleadon Village, Tyne and Wear, and Morven Sheridan, daughter of Mrs Lois MacKean, of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, and Mr Michael C. MacKean, of Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

Mr R.M. Elsdon-Dew
and Miss A.R. Batten
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Dr and Mrs R. Elsdon-Dew, of March House, Tadworth, Surrey, and *Amanda, only daughter* of Mr and Mrs J.M. Batten, of the Headmaster's House, King's College, Taunton, Somerset.

Mr N.S.H. Grigson
and Miss K.G.C. Thorne
The engagement is announced between Neil *Stephen Harvey*, son of Mr P.I.N. Grigson and Mrs P.A. Paxman, of Mayfield, Sussex, and Kate Georgia, daughter of Mr and *Mrs Garry* Thorne, of Shalfleet, Isle of Wight.

Mr I.R. Harris
and Miss C.F. Hardwick
The engagement is announced between Iain, eldest son of Mr *and Mrs Ronald Harris, of* Goodrich, Herefordshire, and Fiona, youngest daughter of the Rev Denis and Mrs Hardwick, *of Mollington, Cheshire*.

Mr D.C.N. Heather
and Miss J.T. Deas
The engagement is announced between David Christopher Norman, elder son of Mr and Mrs N. Heather, of Southgate, and Jane Trudy, youngest daughter of Mr Robert Deas and the late Mrs Beryl Deas, of Bahrain.

Mr S.T. Lewis
and Miss L.R. Weir
The engagement is announced between Simon Talbot, younger *son of Mr and Mrs G.T. Lewis*, of Valley Farm, Horsted Keynes, and Louise Rose, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs J.F.R. Weir, of Parford, Chagford.

Mr R.E. Monkcom
and Miss M. Hunter
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs K.E. Monkcom, of Hartest, Suffolk, and Miriam, eldest daughter of Commander and Mrs W.D. Hunter, of Holywood, Co Down.

Mr C.D. Pinder
and Miss P.C. Bishop
The forthcoming marriage is announced between Clive David, son of David and Barbara Pinder, of Reigate, *Surrey*, and Patricia Carol, daughter of the late Jack and Priscilla Bishop, of Chicago, Illinois. The marriage will take *place on* Saturday, June 18, 1988, at St Mary Magdalene, Balscote, Oxfordshire.

Mr J.P. Powell
and Mlle I.C.F. Persenda
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Powell, of Putney, London, and Isabelle, only daughter of *M* and Mme John Persenda, of Paris, France.

Mr D.M. Richard
and Miss C. Gonzalez-Carvajal
The engagement is announced between Douglas, second son of Dr N.B. Richard, of Buffalo, NY, and Mrs G. Richmond, of Alexandria, Virginia, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Gonzalez-Carvajal, of St Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands.

Mr R.P. Smith
and Miss H.M. Meakin
The engagement is announced between Richard Philip, second son of Dr Andrew Smith, OBE, and Mrs Smith, of Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Helen Margaret, daughter of Canon Tony Meakin, TD, and Mrs Meakin, of Durham.

Señor E. Sort Vidal
and Miss P.A. Chilvers
The engagement is announced between Esteban, son of Señor *Esteban Sort and Señora* Mercedes Vidal, of Barcelona, and Penny, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Chilvers, of The Priory, Denham Village, Middlesex.

Mr B.C.N. Speller
and Miss S.M. Edney
The engagement is announced between Bruce, younger son of Major-General and Mrs Norman Speller, of Fulham, London, SW6, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Edney, of Wickwar, Gloucestershire.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will open the new science block at West*minster School at 3.00.*

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Amateur Athletic Board, will present the *1988 BAAB Trophies at* Buckingham Palace at 11.30; as President of the City and Guilds of London Institute, will present *the 1988 Prince Philip Medal at* Buckingham Palace at noon; as President of the Royal Society of Arts, will attend a luncheon at *the Society's House at 12.45 in* aid of the RSA Building Appeal; and, as Chancellor of Cambridge University, will arrive at *the university at 5.45.*

The Princess Royal, President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the Olympic selection trials at Weymouth *at 9.15* during Weymouth Olympic Week; and will open the Diving Museum and Shipwreck Centre at *9 Custom House Quay*, Weymouth, at 2.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend the charity preview of the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair at 7.15 in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund and the Royal School of Needlework.

Princess Alexandra will open the new accommodation of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London at 22 Palace Court at 2.30.

Princess Michael of Kent will attend the Stella Artois Tennis Championships at Queens Club at 12.20.

Birthdays today

Sir William Barlow, chairman, BICC, 64; Lord Campbell of Croy, 67; Mr Michael Codron, *theatrical producer, 58; Professor* Alice Coleman, geographer, 65; Dr F.H.C. Crick, biologist, 72; Earl Ferrers, 59; Lord Justice Glidewell, 64; Mr Ray Illingworth, cricketer, 56; Mr Alaric Jacob, author, 79; Sir Michael Levey, former director, National Gallery, 61; Lady Littler, deputy director-general, IBA, 56; Sir Joseph Luckhoo, Bahamian judge, 71; Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott, royal equerry, 65; Sir Ian Morrow, company director, 76; Mr A.J. Mottram, tennis player, 68; Mr R. Murray, president, Cargill Europe, 52; Major-General William Odling, 79; Mr Cranley Onslow, MP, 62; Lord Pritchard, 78; Sir Julian Ridsdale, MP, 73; Mr Derek Underwood, cricketer, 41; Dame Anne Warburton, president, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 61; Sir Alwyn Williams, vice-chancellor, *Glasgow* University, 67.

Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy

Sir Robin Gillett, Lord Mayor *locum tenens*, and Lady Gillett, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual festival service of the Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy held yesterday in St Paul's Cathedral. The Ven George Cassidy read the lesson, the Bishop of Winchester preached the sermon and the Bishop of London pronounced the blessing.

The Archbishop of Wales, the Primus in Scotland, the Bishops of Carlisle, Ely, Gloucester, Chichester, Chelmsford, St Albans, Salisbury, Bristol, Buckingham, Sherborne and Bedford and the Bishop at Lambeth were robed.

The Lord Mayor *locum tenens* presided at a dinner held afterwards at Merchant Taylors' Hall and Mr Dennis Silk, Warden of Radley College, was the guest speaker.

Monmouth School

Monmouth School has made the following awards for September 1988:

Sixth Form Scholarships: P.M. Mullins (Ffynone House, Swansea); J.M. Fowler (Bishopston, Swansea). Exhibitions: S.H. Bentley (Tower House, Barmouth); J.K. Brooks (Newent).
13-year-old Foundation Scholarship: R.D. Tinkler (St John's, Porthcawl). Exhibitions: J.L.C. Daly (Wells House, Malvern); C. Williams (Birchfield, Albrighton); A. Singh (Cathedral School, Llandaff). Music Scholarship: D. Webb (Fairwater, Cwmbran).
11-year-old entry. Open Scholarships: J.S. Scholey (St Mary's, Caldicot); C.B. Roe (Bridstow V.A.); T.P. Alley and A.F.A. Blain (The Grange, Monmouth); I.J. Worrallo (Gilwern J.S.). Exhibition: J.M.L. Cartwright (Whitchurch C.E.). Music Scholarship: R.E. Presley (Rougemont).

Mr Harold Pickersgill, who took part in the liberation of Caen in Normandy 44 years ago, standing in front of the memorial to British troops unveiled yesterday below the walls of William the Conqueror's chateau. The former reconaissance trooper, who lives in the town, has campaigned for years for a memorial to the British who died. Five hundred British veterans attended the ceremony around the memorial, which was designed by Mr Ken Norrish, the Portsmouth city architect.

Memorial services

Baroness Lane-Fox
The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr William Buchanan, Chairman of the Prince of Wales Advisory Group on Disability, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Baroness *Lane-Fox held* yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster.

Canon Donald Gray offici*ated, assisted by the Right* Rev Maurice Wood and the Rev Michael Forrest. The Rev Dr Timothy Yates read the lesson and Sir Edward Ford gave an address. The Lord Chancellor and the Prime Minister attended. Among others present were:

Mrs Prudence Taylor (sister), Mr and Mrs Martin Lane-Fox, Miss C Lane-Fox, Mr Oliver Lane-Fox, Mr and Mrs Edward Lane-Fox, Miss Lucy Lane-Fox, Miss Serena Lane-Fox, Miss Emily Lane-Fox, Mr and Mrs Robin *Lane-Fox, Miss Martha Lane-Fox*, the Hon Mrs Roper-Curzon, Mr and Mrs Tennyson d'Eyncourt, Miss Frances Tennyson d'Eyncourt, the Hon Mrs Lane Fox, Mr R Lane-Fox, Mr G Lane-Fox, Mr and Mrs A Wakeham, Mr Paul Stobart, Mrs T Yates, Mr and Mrs Simon Scrope.

The Duke of Norfolk, the Duke and Duchess of Portland, the Earl of Dundee, the Earl of Halsbury, Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Earl Ferrers, Major-General Earl Cathcart, Earl Fortescue, the Countess of Clanwilliam, Earl and Countess St Aldwyn, the Earl of Swinton and Baroness Masham of Ilton, the Earl of Malmesbury, the Earl of Caithness, the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Earl and Countess of Radnor, the Earl of Stockton, Earl Attlee, the Earl of Romney.

Viscount Tonypandy, Viscount and Viscountess Davidson, Viscount and Viscount St Davids, Viscount and Viscount *Oxfuird*, Viscount and Viscount Ingleby, Viscount Falkland, Viscount Ward of Witley, Viscount Long, Viscount Ullswater, Viscount Ridley, Lord and Lady Rootes, Lord Thorneycroft, CH, and Lady Thorneycroft, Lord Swansea, Lord Mottistone, Baroness David, Lord Teviot, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Murray of Epping Forest, Baroness Hooper, Lord Denham, Lord Glenarthur, Baroness Elliot of Harwood, Baroness Macleod of *Bourve, Lord Beaverbrook, Lord and* Lady Johnston of Rockport, Lord Margadale, Lord Middleton, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Lady Salloum, Baroness Faithfull, Lord Kinnaird, Lord Bruce of Donington.

Lord Tordoff, Baroness Trumpington, Lord and Lady Marshall of Leeds, Lord Belstead, Lady Sempill, Lord Gainford, Lord Hesketh, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lord and Lady Kilearn, Lord Nugent of Guildford, Lady Kinloss, Lord *Grimthorpe, Lord and Lady de* Freyne, Lord Tranmire, Lord Vaux of Harrowden, Lord Seebohm, Lord Renton, QC, Lord Somers, Lord Hunter of Newington, Lord Dormer, Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, Baroness Young, Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Lord and Lady Orr-Ewing, Baroness Cox, Baroness Hylton-Foster, Lord Cornwallis, Lord Coleraine, Lady King of Wartnaby, Lord Harmar-Nicholls, Lord Napier and Ettrick, Lord Swinfen (representing John Grooms Association for the Disabled) with Mr Charles Moore; Lord Ingrow, Lord Mais, Lord and Lady McFadzean, Lord Trefgarne, Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, (chairman, TVS), Lord McAlpine of Moffat, Lord and Lady Fraser of Kilmorack, Lord Boyd-Carpenter (also representing the Association of Conservative Peers), Lord Hives, Lord Colgrain, Lord Reigate, Baroness Robson of Kiddington.

Lord Beloff, Lord and Lady Milverton, Baroness Darcy De Knayth, Lord Rankeillour, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, the Rev Lord Sandford, Lord Ponsonby of Shulbrede (Opposition Chief Whip), Lord Brabazon of Tara (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport), Mr Cranley Onslow, MP, (1922 Committee), Lady Paulina Hadley, Lady Jane Bethell, Lady Rose Pepys, the Hon Mrs Bayliss, the Hon Julia Stonor, the Hon Mrs Dawnay, the Hon Lady Ford, the Hon Mrs Stacey, the Hon Archie Hamilton, MP, Sir Richard Dashwood, Caroline Lady Nuttall, Sir Peter Emery, MP, (chairman, Shenley Trust Services), Lady Inglefield, Sir John and Lady Hogg, Sir Peter and Lady Baldwin, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, *Lady Davis (HAPA), Black Rod and* Lady Gingell, Sir David and Lady Wills, Sir David Price, MP, Sir Charles Villiers (British Steel Corporation (Industry)), Lady Ramsden, Lady Thornton, Lady Hamilton (Disabled Living Foundation), Major Everard and the Hon Mrs de Lisle.

Mr Nicholas Scott (Minister for the Disabled), Mrs Edwina Currie, MP, Miss Janet Fookes, MP, Mr Charles Irving, MP, Mr Ian Gow, MP, and Mrs Gow, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea, Mr George Wilson (RADAR), Mr John S Fairbairn (chairman, Esmée Fairbairn Charitable Trust) with Mr and Mrs E Palamountain; Miss Diana Law (ADA), Dr Geoffrey Spencer (Phipps *Respiratory Unit, St Thomas's Hospital*), Mr Alan Bushell (Thames Help Trust), Miss Pauline Thompson (Disablement Income Group), Miss Diana Law (Action for Dysthesic Adults), Mr Ronald Travers (Leonard Cheshire Foundation International), Mrs Mary Baker (Holiday Care Service), Air Commodore Denis Rixon (Throgmorton Club) and Mrs Rixon, Mrs L Handley-Derry (VOCAL), Mr Philip Byam-Cook (Hedley Foundation), Mr David Middleton (Yorkshire Association for the Disabled), Mr Paul Walker (Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Mr Geoffrey Henning (CRUSAID), Mr William Barnes (Arts Access for Disabled People), Professor Ian McColl (Disabled Services Authority), Dr John Wedgewood (Royal Hospital, Putney) and Mrs Wedgewood, Mrs Simon Mitchell (Special Adventure Playground, Gloucestershire), Captain *Philip Fox Wood (BLESMA), Dr G M* Cochrane (Mary Marlborough Lodge, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford), Mrs Stuart Roberts (Love Walk Hospital for the Disabled), Mr Geoffrey Lord (Carnegie United Kingdom Trust), Miss May Lewis (PRUPA), *Miss E Fortune and Miss J Thompson* (Westminster Hospital), Mrs E Buchanan (Riding for the Disabled Association), Mrs John Metcalfe (DEMAND), Mr Leslie Marks (GLAD), Mr Peter Baldwin (IBA), Miss Patricia Stocken (representing Conservative Women's National Committee and the Conservative Party Chairman), Mrs Jean Craig (Chelsea Conservative Association), Dr R Lerner (Remploy) and Mrs Lerner, Mr Ian Martin (Thames TV).

Mr and Mrs H B Hodson, Mrs Brian Johnston, Miss Judy Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs J Lock, Mr Peter Piper, Miss Beth Needham, Mr and Mrs Brian Whitmee, Mr Rodney Evans, Mrs C Evans, Mr Alex Storor-Saunders, Miss Frances Storor-Saunders, Brigadier K [illegible], Mrs David Knapp, Mr Robin Catford, Rear-Admiral Derek Bazalgette, Mr Michael Johnston, Mr and Mrs Christopher York, Colonel and Mrs Edward York, Mr Miles Huntington-Whiteley, Mr Selwyn Goldsmith and Mr and Mrs F Ridgers.

Mr Michael Francis Berry
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Michael Francis Berry was held yesterday at St Mary's, Benefield, near Peterborough. The Rev David Tweddle officiated, assisted by the Rev David Berry and the Rev Duncan Watts. Mr Andrew Nicholson, grandson, read the lesson and Lord Kimball gave an address.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Giovanni Cassini, astronomer, Perinaldo, France, 1625; Robert Stevenson, engineer, Glasgow, 1772; Robert Schumann, Zwickau, Germany, 1810; Charles Reade, novelist and dramatist, Ipsden House, Oxfordshire, 1814; Sir William White Baker, explorer, London, 1821; Sir John Millais, President of the Royal Academy 1896, Southampton, 1829; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Richland Center, Wisconsin, 1867.

DEATHS: Muhammad, Medina, 632; Hardecanute, King of England 1040-42, 1042; Edward, "The Black Prince", London, 1376; Johann Winckelmann, historian, murdered, Trieste, 1768; Thomas Paine, radical, New York, 1809; Sarah Siddons, actress, London, 1831; Andrew Jackson, 7th president of the USA 1829-37, Nashville, Tennessee, 1845; Sir Joseph Paxton, designer of the Crystal Palace, London, 1865; George Sand, novelist, Nohant, France, 1876; Gerard Manley Hopkins, poet, Dublin, 1889; Bliss Carman, poet, Canaan, Connecticut, 1929.

Marriages

Mr R.S. Dixon
and Mrs P.E. Waley-Cohen
The marriage took place on Friday, June 3, at Chelsea Register Office between Mr Robert Dixon and Mrs Pamela Waley-Cohen.

Mr G.A. Rankine
and Dr S. Horsman
The marriage took place on May 28, at St George's Church, Hanover Square, of Mr Gordon Rankine, eldest son of Dr and Mrs George Rankine, and Dr Susan Horsman, daughter of Mr Malcolm Horsman and Mrs Jean Horsman.

The bride was attended by Miss Juliet Horsman and Robert and *Sarah* Yetman. Mr Denzil Rankine, was best man.

The reception was held at The Reform Club.

Mr S.R. Richards
and Miss R.M. Thornton
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 4, 1988, at St Saviour's Church, Guildford, Surrey, of Mr Simon Richards, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Richards, of South Yarra, Melbourne, Australia, to Miss Rachel Thornton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Thornton, of Greenham, Fort Road, Guildford, Surrey. The Rev David Bracewell officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Rachel Goddard, Jane MacDonald, Sophie Wheeler, Rachel Berry, Michelle Thornton and Gemma Thornton. Mr Nick *Turnbull* was best man and Mr Peter Hoban, Mr Charlie Ashton and Mr William Grant were groomsmen.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Dinners

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mr Bernard Silverman, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at the society's headquarters at 1 Lambeth High Street. The Lord President of the Council also spoke. Among those present were:

The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, Mr Geoffrey de Deney, Dr Philip Connell, Mr R Cook, Mr Len Peach, Mr John Hannam, MP, Dr Stephen Lock, Dr John Havard, Dr Vernon Walters, Dr Michael Carter and Mr Michael Brining.

Barbers' Company
The Hon Hugh Astor, Chairman of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, was the principal guest at a court dinner of the Barbers' Company held last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Mr J.A.H. Bootes, Master, presided, assisted by Mr J.H. Scrutton, Upper Warden, Mr J.C. Smethers, Middle Warden, and Mr A.W.F. Lettin, Renter Warden. Mr W.W. Slack, Serjeant-Surgeon to the Queen, also spoke. The Masters and Clerks of the Pewterers', Wax Chandlers', Armourers' and Brasiers' and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Companies were among the guests.

Bakers' Company
Mr Frederick J. Bentley, Master of the Bakers' Company, assisted by Mr John Kirby, Upper Warden, and Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Dale, Second Warden, presided at a ladies' dinner held last night at Grocers' Hall. Mr Alderman and Mrs Hugh Bidwell were the principal guests. Others present included Dame Gillian Brown, Mr Arnold Brown, President of the National Association of Master Bakers, and Mr Brian Goddard, President of the Nottingham Association of Master Bakers.

Receptions

HM Government
Lord Sanderson of Bowden, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception held last night in Edinburgh Castle to mark the European and Mediterranean Plant Organisation Conference.

East Africa Association
Mr Ali Hassan Mwinyi, President of Tanzania, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the East Africa Association yesterday at the Royal Westminster Hotel. Mr G.H. Moody-Stuart, chairman, was the host.

OBITUARY

CDR LESLIE HARRIES

Icy courage beneath the waves

Commander Leslie Harries, GM and Bar, OBE, one of the *most* decorated Royal Canadian Navy officers in the Second World War, died on June 3 in London. He was 87.

He was known throughout the naval forces of the Allies for the intrepidity with which *he conducted operations* to defuse and destroy underwater explosives.

Ironically, the Royal Navy had rejected his services in 1939, maintaining he was "too old" at 38. So he took a boat to New York, and a train *to* Montreal, and offered his services to the Canadians.

They at once lent him to the Navy to lead an Allied special forces unit to clear limpet mines planted on Allied shipping in the *harbours of Gibraltar* and Malta.

This unit later defused and detonated underwater explosive devices which the Germans had placed to halt the D-Day landings. "Harries's *frogmen*", as they were known, worked under the very noses of the wary Germans long before the first assault troops *landed on the* Normandy beaches.

Besides his two George Medals — won in nerve-tingling circumstances described by Churchill himself as requiring "cold-blooded heroism" — Harries was appointed OBE and decorated with the American Legion of Merit.

Nor was he allowed to give up his dangerous work after *the* Normandy landings. There was then the lengthy, tense task of removing thousands of mines and tons of explosives planted by the retreating Germans in the rivers and canals, and in the harbours of the *liberated* countries.

Harries was born in Wales and joined an American insurance company, which sent him back to London between the wars. After the war he went back into insurance. He became a naturalized Canadian.

His war-time exploits are remembered on both sides of the Atlantic. Ironically, the only country not properly to *acknowledge his bravery* with a decoration was Canada. He had recently been recommended for appointment as Officer of the Order of Canada, but he died before the recommendation could be acted upon.

Harries was a polite, softly-spoken man, whose courteous exterior gave no hint of the icy courage *that dwelt beneath*.

His wife died three years ago. There were no children.

ABUNA TEKLE HAIMANOT

Abuna Tekle Haimanot, Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, has died in *hospital at the age of 70.*

His stewardship saw an accommodation between the Marxist government and the Ethiopian church. This involved the nationalization of the church's extensive landholdings, but the government did not forbid worship, and permitted celebration of the main religious festivals.

Haimanot's elevation to Ethiopia's highest ecclesiastical office took place in 1976, after a controversial election in which, for the first time, the *Ethiopian laity took* part in choosing the patriarch.

This was a break from the tradition of Eastern Orthodox churches whose patriarchs must belong to, and be chosen by, a synod. In consequence some orthodox churches boycotted Haimanot's enthronment.

In contrast to his predecessor, Abuna Tewoflos, who had been an associate and adviser of the Emperor Haile Selassie, at the time of his *elevation, Haimanot* had never been a bishop, but was a humble monk.

For many years he had worked as an evangelist in the wilderness of southern Ethiopia, acquiring a reputation for *asceticism on account of* his barefoot ministrations to the spiritual wants of the needy.

After the revolution Eastern Orthodoxy ceased to be the state religion, and Tekle Haimanot was frequently to be seen *alongside his Islamic* counterpart, Ibrahim Sani, at public ceremonies. These he always attended in the flowing yellow robes and turban of a monk, and not in the austere black garb of a church dignitary.

His humble beginnings and complete inexperience of international ecclesiatical politics kept him modest, and always a little uneasy about his exalted role.

He was last year elected to the Shengo, the Ethiopian assembly.

DR HENRY PARISH

Dr Henry J. Parish, former clinical research director at the Wellcome Research Laboratories in Beckenham, Kent, died on May 27. He was 91.

During his lifetime Parish contributed extensively to the understanding of safe diptheria vaccination, and how it should be used for the protection of children and the control of the disease.

Almost all the vaccines used in the massive campaign in Britain in 1940 were produced at Beckenham.

Parish was also closely associated with the first productions of penicillin at the laboratories.

After serving during the First World War in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he joined the bacteriology department at Beckenham in 1923, *remaining there until* his retirement in 1962.

He was recognized as a leading authority on immunization and immediately after the Second World War he was sent by the Ministry of Supply to Germany to investigate the pharmaceutical and chemistry industries there.

He was author of *Antisera, Toxoids, Vaccines and Tuberculins in Prophylaxis and Treatment* which went into several editions.

Parish leaves his widow, Kathleen.

RUTH PLANT

D. R. Buxton writes:

Your obituary of Ruth Plant (April 23) has done well to recognise in her "the tradition of tough, intellectually *adventurous* women who go off to remote parts to carry out exotic research"

What is regrettable is the suggestion that she considered herself first in the field, having "discovered that no architectural *studies* had been made of the rock-hewn churches [of Ethiopia]".

In reality she was under no such illusion, but was perfectly aware of her predecessors in the field, as her *magnum opus* makes clear.

Ruth Plant (unlike some of us) indulged in few speculations as to the stylistic origins of the chronology of her Tigrean rock-hewn churches.

She recorded what she saw with the skill of a practised architectural draftswoman, and much of what she saw has seldom, if ever, been seen by other outsiders.

Hers was an idiosyncratic but a valid and valuable contribution to Ethiopian architectural studies.

Jack Sholomir, South African-born stuntman who appeared in more than 30 films and held Guinness Book records for fire-eating and being drawn through a fire by a car, has died aged 57.

He appeared in the James Bond films *Octopussy, From Russia with Love* and *Diamonds are Forever*.

After coming to England, Sholomir created a team of stuntmen who performed in Europe and the United States as "Stuntmania." Many of their feats were designed to get them into the *Guinness Book of Records*, and at one time they boasted 44 entries.

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"Happy is the people that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord."
Psalm 144 : 15

BIRTHS

ASHER - On June 1st, 1988, to Cathy (née Raymond) and Japhet, a son Dashiell Richard Raymond.

ASHER - On April 16th, 1988, to Barrie (née Gilbert) and Jeremy, a son Alexander Jonathan Gilbert.

CHAMPION - On June 2nd to Heather (née Brown) and Lawrence, a son Nicholas Henry.

CLARKE - On June 3rd, at the Portland Hospital, to Angela and Henry, a son, Charles Frederick Peter Olivier.

EDMONDSON - On June 5th 1988, at St Albans City Hospital, to Wendy (née Harris) and Steve, a son, Luke David, a brother for Alexander.

FLORANCE - On May 15th to Sandra (née Morris) and Mark, a daughter, Charlotte Jane.

FREYNE - On June 5th, to Regine and Aidan, a daughter, Adelaide Elspeth.

HEATH - On June 4th 1988, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Diana and Peter, a son, Dominic James, a brother for Jonathan.

HOWES - On May 18th, 1988, at the Portland Hospital, to Catherine and Donald, a son, Felix James, a brother for Angus.

IRBY - On June 5th to Ginger (née Wallace) and Peter, a son, Richard Peter Anthony Wallace.

JOHNS - On June 6th, in Tokyo, to Rebecca (née Knight) and Patrick, a daughter, Augusta Mary Clementine, a sister for Henry.

JURGENS - On June 2nd, to Katherine (née Bracotti) and Frans, a son, Cais Constant.

KERSHAW - On June 5th, to Sue (née Kivell) and Mark, a daughter, Kate.

KNOX - On June 5th, 1988, to Claire and Jim, a daughter, Clarissa Elizabeth Heather.

PERCIVAL - On May 26th, 1988, to Nickie (née Huntington) and Nicholas, in Sidney, Australia, a daughter Matilda Alice.

PROBERT - On May 16th, 1988, to Belinda (née Harper) and Edmund, two daughters, Hannah and Lucy.

ROSS - On June 1st, 1988, to Mandy (née Hill) and Michael, a son, David Garrold McLean, a brother for Annabel.

SCOTT - On June 3rd to Caroline and Paddy, a son.

SHADBOLT - On June 4th to Alison (née Norman) and Peter, a son, Sam Robert, a brother for Adam and William.

STRUTT - On May 31st 1988 in Hong Kong to Athena and Henry, a son.

TATTERSALL - On June 6th, at West Middlesex University Hospital, to Anna (née Brown) and Steven, a son Charles Steven.

THOMAS - On June 5th, to Sara (née Humble) and David, a son, James Andrew, a brother for Hannah.

TIMPSON - On June 5th, to Ursula (née Phipps) and Russell, a son, Ben Henry.

VASSALLO - On June 6th to Nicole (née Hackett) and Andrew a daughter Emma Jane.

YORKE - On May 22nd to Susan (née Litton) and Mark, a son, James David, a brother for Jessie.

MARRIAGES

DUNN:COSTA - On Saturday June 4th at Virginia Beach, USA, David to Janine Victoria.

SEEL:BROMWICH - on Friday June 3rd, 1988 *in Devon*, Mr Micheal Seel to Mrs Sally Bromwich (née Barber).

MAIR:JOSEPH - On June 4th, at St. Nicholas Church, Newport, Lincoln. Andrew John eldest son of Mr & Mrs Joseph Mair of Lincoln and Sybil Hyacinth younger daughter of Dr. Alfred Joseph of Port of Spain, Trinidad and Dr. Myra Joseph of Columbus, Ohio.

DEATHS

ARGLES - On June 5th, peacefully in St. John's Hospice, Lancaster, Michael, aged 66, beloved husband of Jean (née Owtram) and proud father of Judy, Gill and Antony. Thanksgiving Service at Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre at 2.30 on Thursday, June 9th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if wished, to CancerCare, Lancaster. Enquiries to Ireland's Funeral Directors, Lancaster 66855.

BAZIRE - On June 5th 1988, peacefully at home, Eileen Crewdson aged 86. Beloved wife Reg and a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Walcot Parish Church, Bath on Wednesday June 15th at 11.30am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Belmont, The Vine, Sevenoaks, Kent. TN13 3TZ.

BOYCE - On June 5th 1988, at The Beeches, Ixworth, Bury St Edmunds, Pamela (née Portlock), formerly of Leigh House, Chard, Somerset. Beloved *wife of Colonel Arthur* Boyce D.S.O. and dearly loved mother of Anna and David. Funeral service at St Stephen's Church, Winsham, near Chard on Friday June 10th at 12.30pm. Family flowers only. Enquiries and, if desired, donations for Alzheimers Disease Society, c/o W.A. Forsey & Son Ltd, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

BRISTOW - On June 6th, at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Mollie, wife of the late Kenneth Bristow and beloved mother of Deirdre and stepmother of Hazel. Funeral at 4pm on June 10th at St Margaret's, West Hoathly, West Sussex. Flowers to Robert Medhurst, Vine House, Hartfield (Hartfield 253) or donations if desired to Royal Marsden Cancer Fund, Fulham Road, London SW3.

BURTON-BROWN - On June 5th, peacefully, Theo Burton-Brown, M.A Archeologist, devoted husband of *the late Avice. Funeral at* Guildford *Crematorium* on Friday June 10th at 11am. No flowers but donations to Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. Enquiries to (025126) 3956 *or (0963) 70845.*

CAREY - On June 5th, peacefully in hospital, Lionel Mohun of Westbury Cottage, Sherborne, Dorset. Greatly loved husband of Mary, father of William and John, *father-in-law of* Dawn and grandfather of Emilia, Patrick and Jack. Service Sherborne Abbey June 13th 1.30pm. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations Alms House, Sherborne.

COOK - On June 5th, suddenly, in Wanstead, Charles Justin Harlow, aged 38 years, youngest son of Lt.Commander and the late Mrs Harlow Cook, of Giggleswick, Settle, North Yorkshire. For further details contact Mr L.Porter (07292) 3290.

CULLING - On June 5th, suddenly at home, John Charles, admired and dearly loved husband of Frances and adored father of Johnathan, Charlotte, Jessica and Charles. Funeral on Friday, June 10th, at The Crematorium, Horsham St Faith, *Norfolk*, 1:30 pm. 12:30 from house, and afterwards at church, St.Mary's Church, Fadingham. Donations to Shelter, National Campaign for the Homeless, 157 Waterloo Road, London SE1.

DUNN - On June 6th, in London, Margaret Craig Dunn. *Service* at St Columba's Church, Pont Street, SW1 on Thursday June 9th at *5.00pm followed* by burial in Canada. Enquires to J H Kenyon Ltd, Tel: 01 935 3728.

EVERETT *- On June 5th,* Charles William of Trewarmett, Tintagel, peacefully at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Sadly missed by family *and friends.*

FRAME - On June 4th, 1988, suddenly at home in Amersham in his 78th year, Jack, dearly loved husband, father, grandfather, *brother* and friend. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady, Chesham Bois, at 2.30 pm, Friday June 10th, 1988, followed by interment at Amersham Cemetery. Flower/enquiries: H C Grimstead Ltd, 25 Chesham Rd, Amersham. Tel: 0494 726130.

FIELD - *On June 4th,* 1988, peacefully at home, Janet, aged 74 years, beloved sister of Donald, Margaret, Ruth, and Norah, a much loved aunt and great aunt. Private cremation. *Thanksgiving* Service at Kenilworth Methodist Church on Saturday *June* 11th, at 11.30 a.m. Donations, if desired, may be sent to the National Childrens' Home, Princess Alice Drive, Chester Road North, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6RD.

GEORGE - On June 5th, 1988, in Edinburgh, Rosa (née Grossmith), widow of Col E H George O.B.E., W.S., requiem mass on Saturday June 18th at the Church of Our Lady of The Rosary, Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 at 11.00am. May she rest in peace. All enquiries to A.France & Son, Tel: 01-405 4901

HEMBRICH - On June 4th, 1988, peacefully at his home, Kenneth Sydney, dearly loved husband of Margaret and father of Susan, Ghislaine, Ian and the late Patricia. Funeral service at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull on Thursday June 9th at 1.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for the Relief of Cancer to Thomas Bragg & Son Funeral Directors, 562 Stratford Rd, Shirley, Solihull (021) 744 1428.

HUTTON - On June 4th, peacefully, Sibyl Marie (née Schuster), aged 96, *wife of the late Professor R S Hutton*, mother to Audrey (Wakefield) and David. Cremation at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday June 10th at 12.30 pm. No flowers please. Donations, *if desired*, to Langdon House Staff Amenities Fund c/o The Cambridge Co-operative Funeral Service, James Street, Cambridge.

KNOWLES - On Friday June 3rd, 1988, in the *loving care of* Mealmore Lodge Nursing Home, Daviot, Inverness-shire, Maurice Baxendale Knowles, C.B.E., F.I.A., R.F.C., in his 95th year. Beloved husband of the late Lilia Shepherdson and dearest and most devoted father, father-in-law, grandpa and great grandpa. Cremation will be private in Perth. A *farewell party to honour him will be* held in the garden of the Croft of Kinveachy, Boat of Garten, Inverness-shire on Saturday June 18th at around 2pm.

LAWSON - On June *5th, peacefully in* hospital, after a long illness, Terence Bryant Lawson O.B.E., dear husband of Margaret and much loved father of Lesley, Maria and Jonathan and grandfather of Angus, Rachel, Amy, Olivia, Ruth, Katharine and Nicholas. Private funeral, family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to *Oxfam.*

MACPHERSON - On June 3rd, quietly in *Hampstead*, Major James Ewan, aged 96. Husband of Dorothy, father of Jean Jay and Andrew. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday June 10th at 1.30pm. No flowers but donations if desired to the Royal Scots Benevolent Fund, The Castle, Edinburgh.

MANOLSON - On June 4th, 1988, Margaret (Candy), widow of Dr. Frank Manolson. Dearly remembered by her children Adam and Rachel, her parents Harry and Mary Knott and her sister Cherry Ann, her brother John and by her many friends and relatives. The Funeral to be held on *June 8th 1988* at the Wolvercote Cemetery, Oxford, at 10.30 am. In place of flowers, donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund would be appreciated.

MASTERS *- On June 6th 1988*, at Mount Stuart Hospital, Torquay, Victor Ernest Masters O.B.E. aged 79. Most dearly loved husband and friend of Betty. Requiem Mass at Our Lady's Help of Christians and St Denis, Priory Road, St Marychurch, Torquay on Friday June 10th at 10 am. No flowers please, but if desired, donations to Sue Ryder Foundation, Cavendish Sudbury, Suffolk.

MERRIMAN - On Monday June 6th 1988, peacefully after a long illness, Rosalie Ann (Ros), aged 40 years, of 35 Rustat Road, Cambridge. Darling wife of John, and loving mummy of James, Andrew and Richard. Remembered with all our love. Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday June 10th at 9.00 am, to be followed by a memorial service at St John's Church, *Hills Road*, Cambridge at 12.00 noon. Family flowers only, but donations for Arthur Rank House or Cancer Research may be sent to Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 *Harahel Court*, Cambridge CB1 4UB.

O'CONNOR - On Sunday, June 5th, 1988, peacefully after a long illness, Thomas Michael M.B.E., M.C., of *Arklow, Ireland* and *K.O.C. Kuwait* at Loughlinstown Hospital, Dublin. Beloved father of Patricia (Jackson) and the late Michael and father-in-law of Nigel. Much loved grandfather of Craig, Melissa and Timothy. Will be sadly missed by his brother Jimmy, sisters in America and all his relatives and friends. Removal from Sweeney's Funeral Hall, Arklow to S.S. Mary and Peter's Church, Wednesday June 8th at 6.30 pm. Funeral after 10.00 am Mass on Thursday June 9th at S.S. Mary and Peter's Church to the New Cemetery, Arklow. Flowers to Sweeney & Sons, Arklow, Tel: 0402 32333 or donations directly to Cancer Research.

OFFORD - On June 4th, at his home, Henry, late of Margaretting, Essex, darling husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. Memorial service at St Margarets Church, Margaretting, Essex, on Friday June 10th at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers donations, if desired, to Army Benevolent Fund, c/o T. Pennack & Sons, Funeral Directors, 3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex.

PEARCE - On June 5th, as a result of a road accident, John William Roland, OBE, MA, BSc, MRCVS, FRSH, much loved husband of Tawny and the late Barbara Ann (née Hutton). Veterinary Surgeon and farmer who will be greatly missed by his family and all his friends. Funeral service and burial at Sulham Church, near Pangbourne, Berks at 2pm on Friday June 10th and afterwards at Mayden Farm. *Flowers or donations, if desired*, to Sulham Church. Enquiries to Camp Hopson & Co Ltd, 6/12 Northbrook St, Newbury, Berks. Tel: Newbury (0635) 523523.

PERRY - On *May 31st, suddenly in* hospital, Helen Margaret of Harpenden and formerly of Kelsall, Cheshire. Thanksgiving Service at Harpenden Friends Meeting House *on* Tuesday June 14th at 2.30 pm, after private Cremation. No flowers please; donations may be sent to Quaker Central Fund, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. All enquiries to L. C. Weston Funeral Directors (05827) 2866/3395.

PETERS - On June 6th, at home with his family, John Peters C.B., aged 58 years. Husband of Jane, father of Clare, Amanda and Mark, and grandfather of David and Emma. Funeral service at St Edmund's Church, Beckenham on Friday June 10th at 10am. Donations in lieu of *flowers to St Christopher's Hospice* (Home Care Unit), Laurie Park Road, London SE26.

PLANT - On June 5th 1988, peacefully in London, Edith Rose, aged 90 years, widow of *Professor Sir Arnold* Plant and mother of Gregory and Roger. Cremation on Tuesday June 14th at Golders Green Crematorium at 3:45 pm.

PLUGGE *- On June 6th*, 1988, peacefully at home, aged 69, Captain Roland Frank Plugge, DSC, Royal Navy, beloved husband of Ann, loving father of Peter, Helen, Nicola, Kate and Emma and grandfather of Edwin, Harry and Georgiana. Private Funeral. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. No flowers. Donations to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

RAINEY - On June 4th, peacefully at Forest Row, Sussex, Vera. Funeral at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Worth, near Crawley, Sussex at 11am on Thursday June 9th. Flowers or enquiries to Fuller & Scott, The Wakelyns, Uckfield (0825) 3241.

ROE - *On June 6th*, in Geneva, TCW (Tom) of Isle of Man. Enquiries to Mrs H D Miller (daughter) Worcester (0905) 640309.

ROWLANDS - On June 6th 1988. Peacefully at home *Katharine Mary* (Betty) aged 80. Much loved mother of Robert, Bettina and Ann and grandmother of Sophie, Emmeline, William and Beckie. Family funeral on Friday June 10th. *Flowers to* W Garstin and Sons Ltd., 10 Chiltern St., London W1, Tel 01 935 4868. Memorial service to be announced later.

STEWART - On June 6th, peacefully, Alexander Charles, Priest (late B.B.T.C.L.), aged 96 years, at Hamilton Nursing Home, Old Hunstanton. Beloved *husband of* Isobel. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Thornham, on Friday June 10th at 2.15 pm. Followed by cremation at Mintlyn Crematorium, Kings Lynn. No flowers *by request*. Donations if so desired may be sent for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, c/o Fleming & Fayers, Funeral Directors, 16 Park Road, Hunstanton.

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SUTER - On June 3rd, 1988 peacefully at Southfields Nursing Home Eastbourne, Mary Buchanan, wife of the late Cyril Suter, much loved mother of Penny and Tim, and grandmother of Nicholas, Luci, Fiona, Jonathan and Michael. Service to take place on Monday June 13th at 11.30am at St Andrew's Church, Alfriston. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Coronary Care Unit, St Mary's Hospital Eastbourne, c/o Cooper & Son Funeral Service, 42 High Street, *Lewes Sussex*. Tel: 478557.

WATTS - On June 6th, peacefully at home, Stuart (Bear), husband of Paula, father of Anne and grandfather of Laura, Tom and Sarah. Service on Friday June 10th at 11.00am at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. No flowers but donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o E R Hickmott & Son 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Burning question revived

Self-immolation with sinister political overtones was the subject of a compelling report in *The Bandung File* (Channel 4). Historically, one can treat suttee, the practice of a wife's burning herself to death on a husband's funeral pyre, as an ennobling act, whereby the wife identifies totally with her husband.

The practice has been not unfamiliar, but the cause for concern is that it has recently been revived in India by the Rajputs of Rajasthan, and the victims have become posthumous heroines, venerated as goddesses and bringing prosperity to the villages where their shrines are erected.

The practice has already become a legal battleground, with the Rajputs claiming that a new law to forbid suttee restricts the practice of their religious rights. Women's groups and anti-suttee groups argue that suttee preserves the subordinate status of women and suggests a role model of total obedience to husbands.

They question whether the most recent victim Roop Kanwar, only 18 when she burnt herself just six hours after her husband's death (before the police or her parents could reach the scene), was a willing suttee, or a pawn in the hands of those who wished to make political and financial capital out of her death. This was a gripping illustration of social and intellectual change in India coming up against the forces of not entirely innocent and extremely powerful traditionalism.

In *The Duty Men* (BBC2) an episode which had been withheld for legal reasons was broadcast to launch a repeat of this everyday story of customs folk. Because English tobacco sells in Belgium for a quarter of its price here, it is worth smuggling back to this country: as one customs man put it, you give a Robin Hood impression and do not steal from anyone, except the Government.

The film followed the customs men, staking out the suspects and making their arrests. Apart from the one wrongly arrested and one acquitted, the rest seemed to think it was a fair cop.

William Holmes

Dame Wendy Hiller, opening tonight in the West End, talks to Sheridan Morley

Not exactly Shaw

ZOË DOMINIC

"The old woman": Wendy Hiller drops three years for *Miss Daisy*, which is opening at the Apollo tonight

Miss Daisy is a cantankerous 72-year-old Southern matriarch, reluctantly coming to terms with her black chauffeur, in Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer-prize-winning play *Driving Miss Daisy*, which has its European première at the Apollo tonight; Dame Wendy Hiller is a 75-year-old English actress of immense distinction who once inspired Bernard Shaw to send the peremptory telegram "We must have Wendy", when there was the faint suggestion of another actress being hired to play his *Major Barbara* on screen.

"I think," says Dame Wendy now, looking back over almost exactly half a century, "that I was really very lucky with Mr Shaw. I came of a generation when all actresses were docketed and put in their proper place, and I never really fitted in.

"Coming from Manchester I was somehow 'not West End', and at a time when prettiness was considered a stage asset I certainly never had that. People always thought I was a bit odd, and if Shaw hadn't come to see me, in my husband Ronald Gow's *Love on the Dole*, I'd never have got any other work.

"He thought he'd come upon a sort of mill girl who would be perfect for Barbara and Eliza Dolittle at Malvern and then on the screen: in fact we were reasonably well off as a family, and father had gone to great trouble to send me to school in Bexhill so that my Lancashire accent would rub off, and therefore was not at all pleased when Shaw kept telling everyone how natural and unspoiled and northern I was."

Driving Miss Daisy will not, of course, be her first encounter with an American accent: "I played *The Heiress* by Henry James for a long time, and then I also did *Toys in the Attic* by Lillian Hellman.

"People kept sending me Christmas cards from New York, saying that I had to do *Miss Daisy*, so here I am playing the old woman. At least I think of her as an old woman, though she's three years younger than me. Recently I had a little contretemps with some ice, which left me in hospital rather a lot with a bad hip, so now I have a limp which really suits the part very well.

"But I think I must be mad at my age to take on a new West End play: I'm either perennially hopeful or perennially stupid, and I can never quite remember which. This is a very delicate and wry little comedy about tolerance and understanding, about growing together into old age, but the woman is never offstage and I rather dread playing her every night.

"I'm really much happier in rehearsal than in performance, but then, unlike Peggy Ashcroft or John Gielgud, I don't think I've ever been entirely of the theatre. I don't really live or breathe it, and I go right off it for quite long periods.

"One reads of actors who have to keep working all the time, and I'm really not like that at all: but I do like to get back to it from time to time, and luckily West End audiences seem to rather like very old people. They think 'my God, we saw her acting in the War and there she is still doing it', and mentally they give you a sort of prize for sheer survival, as long as you turn up every night and remember most of the lines.

"Not that it ever gets any easier to do: I remember once asking Sybil Thorndike about that, when she was already well into her seventies, and she said 'naught for your comfort: it gets harder every night and every play you do.' She and Edith really carried the responsibility of the profession for so many of us.

"I have never been that sort of a Dame. I don't like a public life, and the range of my work is so much smaller: I managed all right with Shaw and Ibsen, but I never did that great sweep of the Shakespeares.

"I suppose in that sense I have always been rather closer to an actress like Celia Johnson: somehow we lacked the burning ambition of the Shakespearians.

"I've only lately begun to acquire any real confidence in myself as an actress, and even now it comes and goes a lot. At first I thought that Shaw must write to all young actresses asking them to be in his plays: it never occurred to me until years later that he must have thought I was something rather special.

"But there's a lot to be said for having married a playwright: you can stand over his desk and complain if the part he is writing doesn't look long enough for you, and with *Love on the Dole*, and then *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and then *Ann Veronica*, Ronald has given me three of the best plays of my entire career.

"Now the Americans seem to like me a bit, so I go over there and do television sometimes: I find that they too are jolly glad and grateful if you just turn out to be upright and still fairly mobile.

"But I've never been a great fighter: I was always abysmally vague and if you lack all managerial qualities then you just have to sit back and wait for someone to offer you the right job. Luckily I think *Miss Daisy* might be one of those: I am slowly getting to like the old girl."

EUROPEAN MUSIC

Perfectly poised

Holland Festival
Amsterdam

This year's Holland Festival prospectus admits the fact candidly: the programme is smaller than ever, thanks to the dearth of resources provided by national and local authorities. Enterprise, however, reigns supreme.

The opera programme alone consists of three rarely performed pieces, though two of them — Milhaud's *L'Orestie* and Stockhausen's *Montag* — are being given only in concert versions. The other operatic work is John Adams's cultish *Nixon in China*, in its Houston production by Peter Sellars, its American cast collaborating with the strong Dutch opera chorus, The National Ballet, and a specially formed Holland Festival Orchestra under Edo de Waart, in the appropriate surroundings of Amsterdam's smart new Music Theatre.

Arguments rage perhaps less fiercely about the quality of Adams's music than about that of his minimalist colleagues, Glass and Reich. While it is perfectly true that he is a composer who puts substance into his art, this opera can not be counted as more than an intriguing experiment, peppered with a fair measure of sympathy-inducing pastiches.

Its problems, on a purely theatrical level, are simple; there is no depth to either characters or, really, situation and the caricatures with which Adams replaces both — the stiff regimentation of the Maoists, the mixture of naivety and smoothness of the American party — are insufficiently dynamic to sustain an impetus on their own. But Alice Goodman's libretto does allow for some wry impersonations: John Duykers' frail, cliché-toting Mao, Sanford Sylvan's stoic Chou En-Lai, James Maddalena's uncanny, head-cocking Nixon, Carolann Page's reginal Pat Nixon and Trudy Ellen Craney's aggressive Chiang Ch'ing.

In the end, however, it is the sheer spectacle of the production which chiefly ensnares our attention. One thinks most immediately of the hilarious vertical descent of a cardboard cut-out Air Force One, the procession of a similarly fabricated elephant, the skilful and inspired dance sequences, the lavishly spread banquet scene, and the fanciful soliloquizing of the First Lady in front of the summer palace, shrouded in mist.

Such things transcend Adams's attempt (serious?) to elicit sympathy for these self-haunted power mongers in the reflective last act, for all his recourse to conventional aria-forms and their associated romantic manners.

The Festival's concert season, which is to include three English related events dedicated to the William and Mary celebrations (I shall be reporting on one of them later) began rather less riskily at the Hague's imposing new Dr Anton Philipszaal, with two concerts by Frans Bruggen's Orchestra of the 18th Century, the second dominated by a thrilling account of Mozart's Prague Symphony.

Parts of the secret of the performance lay in Bruggen's choice of tempos. In the outer movements he gave his players plenty of time to play not simply rhythmically and with superbly controlled articulation but with real feeling.

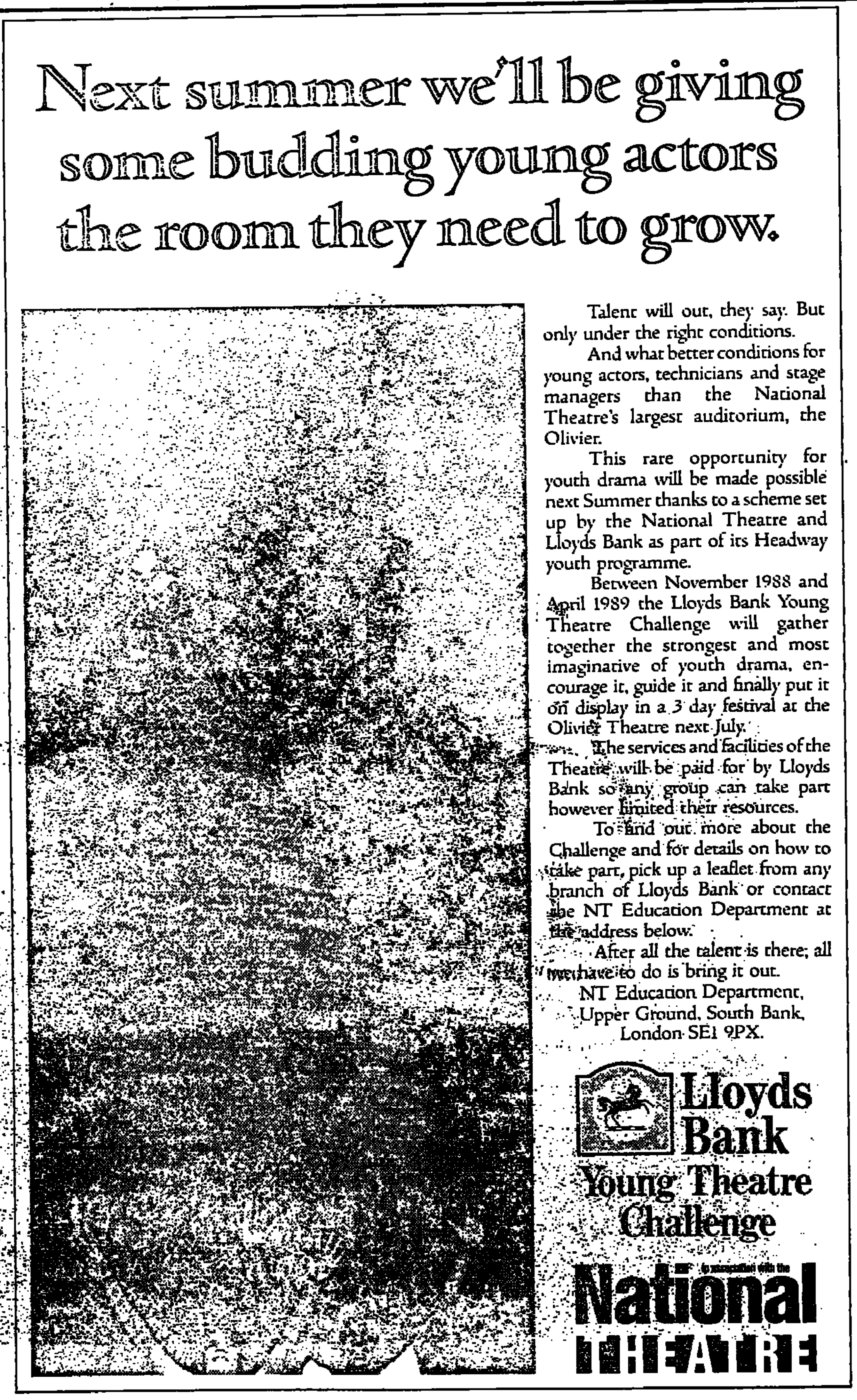
Fast music of this quality, in any case, should never be dismissed as merely brilliant, and here one was able to follow the intensity of musical argument and to thrill to the physicality of it all equally, despite a fine wood wind section relegated by a resonant acoustic to the background.

That acoustic worked distinctly to the strings' advantage, lending the violins, in particular, a prominence which they exploited willingly. A *single note*, pitched dramatically somewhere in the stratosphere, near the end of the first movement, typified the atmosphere of the performance.

Perfectly poised, it shot through the texture like a brilliant laser beam, a moment of overwhelming exultancy. But that every note mattered in this intensely communicated reading you could tell as much from the way the players would exchange glances as from the marvellously exciting sound.

The same attitude to performance also permeated Beethoven's Second Symphony, though here the composer's mightier manner (not, I emphasize, matter) took a degree of sparkle away from the playing. Again, though, Bruggen propelled the piece onwards by allowing it plenty of space, while the British trumpet section staked claims as strong as anyone elses to be included among the ranks of the élite of period-style practitioners.

Stephen Pettitt



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The debt the world of dance owes to de Valois is immeasurable. Not only did she establish our national companies and the school that serves them but the principles she employed supplied a model for other companies throughout the world. While understanding that the classics must form the basis of the company's repertoire — the Sadler's Wells Ballet was a mere eight years old when it mounted the full-length *Sleeping Beauty* — she was aware of the necessity for modern works and was quick to encourage choreographic talent.

She herself was no mean choreographer, but she soon relinquished ballet making to nurture the talents of Ashton, Helpmann, and later Cranko and Macmillan. And today she is still as quick to spot new talent. David Bintley, for instance, has no more enthusiastic champion than Madam.

The tributes paid to her were many and warm. All praised her vision and energy. But it was Fonteyn who spoke of her compassion and it is certainly true that, while she was running a great company, and dealing ably with today's problems and tomorrow's plans, she was still close enough to her dancers to be aware of their personal problems. And she still somehow found time and energy to act as the ideal wife for a busy doctor.

Last night's gala was a loving tribute by her dancers, who gave of their very best. From the youngest boy at White Lodge to Rudolf Nureyev, who came at her request to partner Maria Almeida in de Valois's own production of *Sleeping Beauty*, not one could have given more. Both companies were represented as were ballets by all her main choreographers, plus an extract from her own *Rake's Progress*.

Apart from those on stage, many more of her dancers were in the audience, and one's only regret is that they could not all have been there to pay her tribute.

Judith Cruickshank

Dialogue over-decorated

THEATRE

The Brave
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DONALD COOPER

A moral inertia: Eleanor David

The setting is Algeria, but could be almost any other locale, not necessarily an exotic one, even England, at a pinch, because the matter of the play (hence the title), is Scotland.

Scotland raped and abandoned by the English. Scottish engineers who can find no work among their ain folk. A Scottish woman terrorist (Kate Lynn-Evans) who has jumped bail — ironic use of the title here — and her younger sister, Ferlie, first seen standing above the body of a dying Algerian who mistook her for an easy conquest and received her hotel key smack in his face.

The author, Sharman Macdonald, ventured into the strange, wild undergrowth of Scottish sexuality in her long-running *When I Was A Girl I Used To Scream And Shout*. There is sexual posturing again beside the pool in the hotel — though no water in the pool, and scorpions at the sea's edge — but a tang in the air of the play alerts us to the presence of metaphors.

Ferlie's apparent fear of rape, her moral inertia and bizarrely inappropriate recollections, point us to something other than themselves. But the author so overdecorates the dialogue that she turns her play into a literary equivalent of those industriously stitched leather items, popular in North African resorts, hung about with clever loops and fringes, but fulfilling no evident function.

The two engineers help the girls to bury the body in the desert, though this enterprise is repeatedly interrupted for Maurice Roëves to talk poetically about the old Gorbals, and for Eleanor David, playing Ferlie, to flip between casual protests at being lumbered with a dead Algerian and memories of childhood.

An ingenious set by Robin Don brings bed, body and bar out of the walls, and a Roman column down from the ceiling. Simon Stokes directs.

Jeremy Kingston

Excellent parts make no whole

CONCERT

Philharmonia/ Salonen
Festival Hall

Esa-Pekka Salonen does not yet quite have the measure of Bruckner's vast Fourth Symphony. The strange thing is, if one analyzed this performance bit by bit, it would seem like a model of direct, uncluttered interpretation.

Salonen does basic things extremely well: a rarer trait than it should be. The big orchestra was kept in exact ensemble and equilibrium, the great unison climaxes were given weight without snarl, dynamics and articulation were treated with care.

Moreover, the Philharmonia responds well to him. There was an unfortunate indiscretion among the violas in the Andante, but also some glorious brass playing: the principal horn, Richard Watkins, had a dream outing in a part which can be a nightmare.

Yet Bruckner is about larger visions — about conserving today in order to feast tomorrow, yet at the same time making the plateaus as interesting as the pinnacles. Salonen's pacing is not yet developed enough, nor does he cherish Bruckner's rustic byways as he should.

Barry Douglas was the soloist in Liszt's First Piano Concerto. The first movement was fluent but tightly reined, and the *Quasi adagio* lacked rhapsody, but the scherzo and finale were played as a gathering whirlwind which left an indelible impression.

Richard Morrison

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

In the shadow of a doubt

Peter Ransley has put himself in the shoes of a woman who suspects her husband of murder, writes

Sally Brompton

MARK PEPPER

The author Peter Ransley: "If you put yourself in the mind of a woman, I think you can achieve a kind of truth that faction can rarely reach"

Annie Marsh wrestled with the suspicion that her husband was a mass sex murderer for several months before she went to the police. Even then, her instinct was to protect him, to argue his innocence, to produce an alibi which would prove, both to the law and herself, that there was no way he could have committed the terrible crimes.

Annie Marsh's torment is the ultimate nightmare for a woman torn between her natural desire to shield a loved one and the growing fear that he or she may be leading a double life as a sadistic maniac. The fact that Annie is a fictional character makes her plight none the less poignant. And despite her creator's insistence that she is purely a product of his imagination, there are clear parallels between the situation she dreads and that of Sonia, wife of the Yorkshire Ripper, Peter Sutcliffe, who is serving life imprisonment for mass murder.

Annie's dilemma is explored in *The Hawk*, Peter Ransley's first novel, which is published next week. In it the 33-year-old Leeds housewife with two young children is confronted by the doubt, apprehension and terror that her husband, Stephen, is the notorious sex killer nicknamed the Hawk.

It is not the first time that Ransley, 56, well-known for his television dramas, has written from a woman's viewpoint. In the series *The Price* he wrote about a banker's wife, taken hostage by the IRA. In his screenplay, *Minor Complications*, he chronicled the legal battle of a woman who conducted her own medical negligence case.

"I can't see a man in that situation pursuing it with the same vigour, the same scepticism," he says. He finds it much easier to write about women than men. "I start to feel actively uncomfortable if there is not a woman in the foreground."

While he was writing *The Hawk* he identified so strongly with Annie that he pored over women's magazines, looking for outfits for her to wear. "It was part of getting into the skin of the woman. What interests me is that women who have families stay, in a certain sense, more human than men do."

He got the idea for *The Hawk* after reading Gordon Burn's book on the Yorkshire Ripper, "... *Somebody's Husband, Somebody's Son*", which he believed said "quite a lot about the situation, the differences, the gap between men and women and the attitudes in that part of the world. I think what Gordon Burn was suggesting is that there is a kind of male attitude which is a component of somebody who lands up doing horrible murders of this type."

The book made him wonder about Sonia Sutcliffe, "what she had been through, what she'd thought, what she'd expected. And once I started thinking about it, it became a kind of obsession." The Hawk, like the Ripper, kills mainly prostitutes; Annie is, in common with Sonia, meticulously house-proud and, like her, has suffered a mental breakdown. But Sonia Sutcliffe was not aware that her husband was the Ripper.

Ransley, a Yorkshireman himself — he grew up in Pudsey — was convinced that the story had to be set in that area. He did much of his research in the pubs and clubs of Leeds and Bradford frequented by the Ripper, talking to prostitutes, studying the expressionless faces of the lunchtime strip-show audiences, but mainly "listening to people".

None of the prostitutes he met had been working during the Ripper period. "One of them had been bashed about a bit, but she seemed to regard that as an occupational hazard." He believes that the way Annie reacts to her suspicions is not purely a female response. "I can see a man having something of her reactions because, in a situation like that, the truth gets very clouded. Everything is ambivalent. One minute you believe that he or she is guilty and the next minute the whole thing shifts around.

"I was brought up to believe that there are certainties, but most of the time I think we are uncertain and if a woman or a man is faced with this kind of horrible situation involving a person who they know as kind and loving — which they, quite frequently, are — then I think the reaction is the same for either sex." Ransley became so emotional during the six months it took him to write the book that he would wake up in a panic in the middle of the night.

"Annie grew as I went along. I was terrified of the situation because I didn't know how she was going to react." Nor, in the beginning, did he have any idea as to whether Stephen actually was the Hawk or not. That, too, evolved as the book progressed.

The only son of a ship's musician who eventually hung up his violin to go into dry-cleaning, Ransley studied chemistry at London University before becoming an industrial journalist. The fact that he was brought up mainly by his mother, along with his two sisters, while his father was away at sea may, he believes, have contributed to his understanding of female emotions.

"Alternatively, maybe there's a strong female side to me. I've always prefered the company of women and always found myself more relaxed with them." It was not until his first marriage broke up and he realized that he was nearly 40 that he began to write for television in the "vigorous" years before what he describes as "designer drama" became the order of the day.

The Hawk began as a film idea, but the fact that it was set in Leeds instead of London put off potential buyers. "Yorkshire doesn't travel and you've got to have an eye for the American market," Ransley says. Convinced that his story belonged in Yorkshire, he "got bloody-minded and decided to write the book on spec. *The Price* funded it." Negotiations are now under way to turn his book into a film.

His wife, Cynthia, a social work teacher, and their two small children, had to share him with Annie while he was writing *The Hawk* at their home in west London. "I really loved Annie a great deal when I was writing her," he admits. "She's prejudiced, not very questioning, quite limited but to me she is such a warm person and so strong and courageous. And the way she took charge was a total surprise to me. She was so strong."

He adds: "She is typical of some northern women who really do have a nononsense attitude to life and believe that if you really buckle down to it and keep your nose clean everything will be all right. It's the belief that if you actually cope with problems rather than talk about them we'd all get that much further sooner. And that is part of me, too."

When he reached the end of the book he felt drained — "and quite sad, in a way, glad and sad". He feels that fictionalizing a situation in this manner has advantages over real-life drama. "There may be some remarkable stories but life is not only very untidy but people don't always tell the truth, sometimes don't know the truth and are occasionally dead so you can't find out what actually happened. So from a real life story you get a fragment which is sometimes unsatisfactory. If you actually put yourself in the mind of a woman and your imagination takes over and you become that woman, I think you can achieve a kind of truth that faction can rarely reach."

The Hawk by Peter Ransley, is published on June 16 (Hodder & Stoughton, £11.95)

BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Cut down to size

TV-am's fitness expert, Lizzie Webb — who slimmed from a size 14 to a 10 for the small screen — has brought out an electronic calorie counter and matching pale blue mini hardback book designed to make it easier to keep track of what we eat. The calculator can be worn as a pendant or on a keyring, and the pocket sized book caters for cosmopolitan tastes with everything from onion bhajis (215 calories small, 245 large) to Gâteau Pithiviers (540 a slice). The boxed set costs £7.95 from W.H. Smith and chemists — but until the end of June *Times* readers can obtain it for £6.95, including postage, by sending this column along with a cheque or postal order made out to Fanfare Electronics, to Lizzie's Calorie Counter offer, PO Box 767, Slough, SL3 9YU.

Quote me . . .

"Yes, Margaret Mitchell writes better than I do — but she's dead."
Alexandra Ripley, who is writing the sequel to **Gone With the Wind**

Hen parties

The Hen House, Hawerby Hall, North Thoresby, Lincolnshire, opened six months ago as a women's holiday and retreat centre. Soon afterwards its weekend course for older women proved a sell-out. So book early if the idea of "Growing Old Disgracefully" appeals: the five-day course from August 15-19 will explore the parameters of ageing for fit and active women. Walks, keep fit and yoga sessions will be interspersed with assertiveness training and discussions of changing relationships, sexuality and style. The course's co-ordinator Maria Brenton. The cost is £135 plus VAT (full board). Telephone 0472 840278 for details.

Victoria McKee

Standards on the safe side

Help is on the way for parents who are confused by nursery equipment safety standards

Shopping for nursery essentials: but how do parents know what is approved as safe?

Deciding which nursery goods are safe is a familiar problem for parents. British Standards Institution Kitemarks and numbers are not widely understood, and many items do not have a British standard — or at least, not a mandatory one.

In September, however, help will be at hand: there will be a new BSI safety register of nursery goods, which will list those manufacturers who have had their designs tested by the BSI. The register will also carry a picture of each product and a description. But buying the register will cost £30: the BSI envisages local mother/consumer groups and retailers as its main purchasers (it will, however, look up individual items for parents).

BSI, which is funded by government and industry, hopes the register will clear up some problems. "At present, it's confusing for a parent because the manufacturer can merely put a BSI number on his design which means he claims to have followed our requirements," says Judith Tabern, BSI consumer education officer.

The consumer often does not know the difference between the BSI kitemark and number: "The kitemark proves that the item has been rigorously tested by our laboratories," Tabern says. "But some customers might presume a product which merely carries the BSI number, and not the kitemark, does that as well."

Legally, the current situation is confusing. Some British Standards are voluntary and others mandatory. Playpens, for instance, do not have to be made to the standard, but pushchairs do. Children's nightwear has to meet government safety regulations which include the relevant British Standard, while children's car safety seats have to pass the kitemark test.

Retailers, too, have grumbles about BSI, mainly because standards can take years to come out. Other stores, such as Boots and Mothercare, run their own tests.

To see how the BSI standards work on the shop floor, I went to a shopping centre with Judith Tabern and my two-year-old daughter. The first stop was Mothercare.

We were met by a long line of pretty white cots. Tabern thought they complied with British Standards but said it was "illogical" not to have an obvious label saying so. It transpired that, in accordance with the standard, the BSI number was marked underneath the mattress: a place few parents would think of looking. "You could say we should have stipulated a more noticeable marking place," Tabern says. "But I would also expect the assistant to know where the number was."

On to a white babywalker, which carried the right warnings about not leaving baby unattended. Tabern still was not happy: "The warning is written in white raised print on a white background which makes it difficult to read. And even if there's a sticky peel-on labelled caution, it can come off."

On the plus side, there was a clutch of pushchairs, each marked with the BSI number and the correct warnings. Tabern queried why the pushchairs were so clearly marked, unlike many other items.

A Mothercare spokeswoman later said the company has not, until now, thought the standard would mean much to the shopper: "Now customers are more aware, we will be displaying more signs. All our items are tested to British Standards where there is one; where there isn't, they are examined to an overseas equivalent. We do teach our staff about British Standards although we may not mention where there isn't one."

Boots was the next stop. Like many big stores, it tests its own products (see below). The store had a cot — with a BSI hanging label. Several other products — like a baby nest — looked as though they adhered to BSI requirements but were not marked as such. "If we mark everything that has a British Standard, the public might assume that those without the mark weren't any good," Mike Inchley, head of quality assurance and development said later. "They probably wouldn't realize there are some lines which aren't covered by a standard."

So what was Judith's verdict on nursery departments generally? "The shops seem to have got their act together on pushchairs: a few years ago, it would have been hard to have found so many with a BSI mark. But we'd like to see more marks on other goods to complement our new register and more staff training so assistants know what BSI is all about. Parents for their part shouldn't assume that just because something is on sale and looks pretty, it's safe."

Jane Bidder

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KEEPING DANGER AT BAY

Boots's product testing centre, in Nottingham, is a combination of expensive kitchen, clinical hospital laboratory and large toyshop. It houses nearly 200 engineers, metallurgists, chemists and textile experts spending £4 million a year checking everything sold in the group's shops that is not made in its own factories.

Their job is to check reliability, durability, and safety (except on pharmaceuticals and toiletries, which are supervised elsewhere) and ensure that production standards, wherever they are in the world, are maintained.

The children's department is currently full of discarded cot bumpers, recalled a few weeks ago after a child was strangled by the ties. Boots is looking at new ways of shortening the ties to prevent similar accidents; the alterations may well be adopted by other retailers.

Children's toys and equipment receive some of the toughest screening. In many cases Boots's tests exceed those set by British Standards, and the group helps to establish guidelines for products and advises other retailers on how to modify toys which are potentially dangerous.

A pushchair was recently rejected as a Boots own-label brand because, after hours of rocking on an electrical "rolling road" with a baby-sized weight in the seat, the locking mechanism failed. The manufacturer is modifying the chair.

A mobile baby listener was withdrawn from sale after its adaptor pins became faulty when the manufacturer changed his supplier. Rattles that are not glued together properly are regularly rejected and paint is always tested for toxicity. Teddies with ribbons and games such as Lego are labelled unsuitable for children under 36 months.

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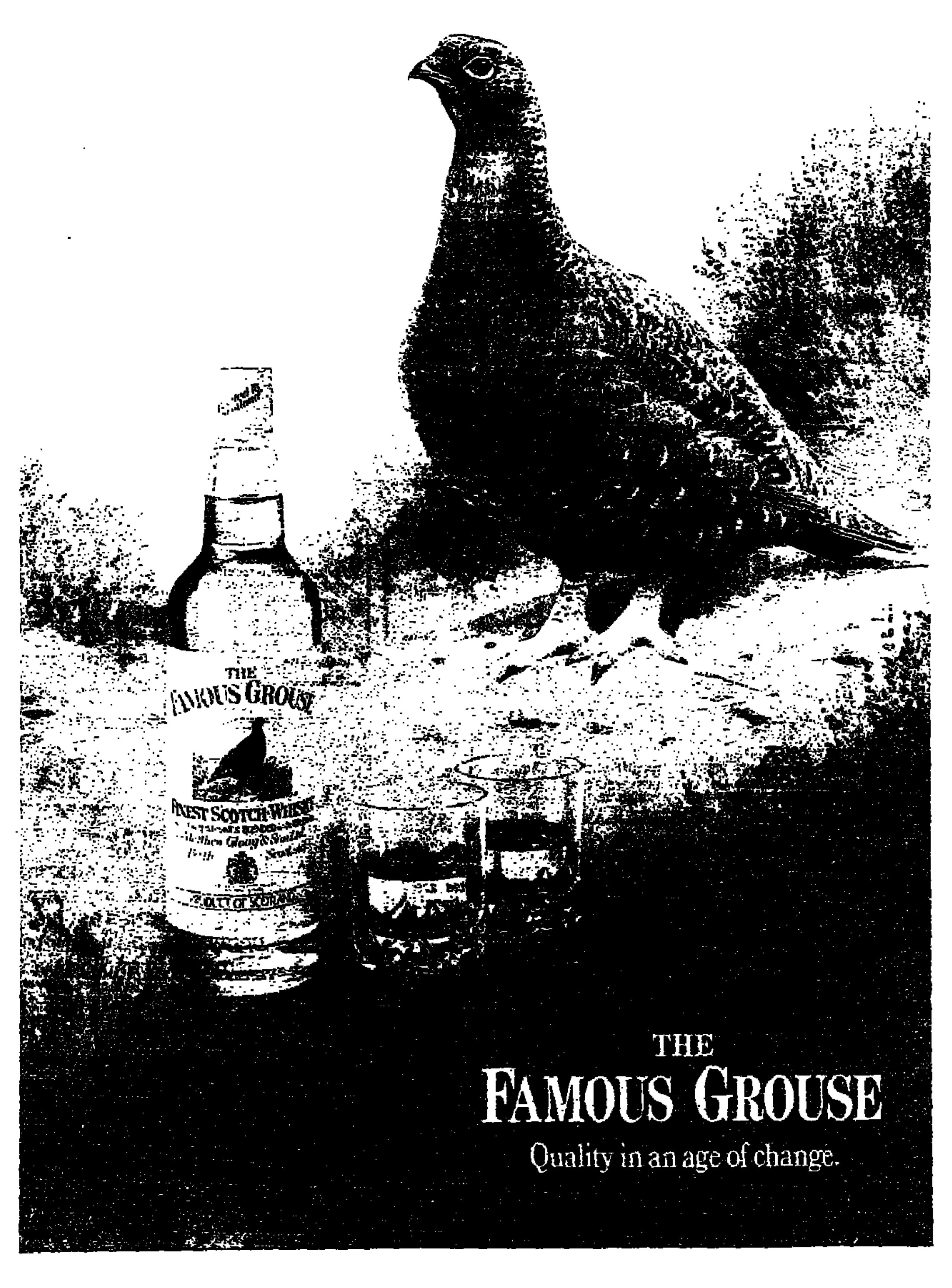

MEDIA & MARKETING

A sword in your ear, old boy

OPINION

Anthony Rouse

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On Monday, the Institute of Public Relations will host a lunch to announce which public relations campaign has won the institute's 1988 Sword of Excellence. It is a growing activity, this business of trades and professions getting together to eat, drink and pat themselves on the back. The day will doubtless come when we shall have Barrister of the Year, with lesser citations for longest opening speech by the prosecution, most brutal cross-examination, best impromptu use of classical quotation.

The back-patting is harmless enough so long as it is not taken too seriously, a lesson painfully learnt by one journalist who received an award as Travel Writer of the Year one day and was made redundant the next.

Yorkshire Television took the business too seriously earlier this year when it withdrew from the Bafta film and television awards on the grounds that the method of picking the programme winners was not satisfactory: members' votes produce the shortlist; judges award the prizes.

The method used by the PR Institute (nominate yourself and the judges do the rest) is by necessity simpler. It would be difficult to take a vote of members because the best public relations campaign is presumably so subtle that only client and consultant are aware of it.

Public relations is late into the awards business (this is the fifth year of the Sword of Excellence) perhaps because the institute realizes that awards in general pretend to measure the immeasurable and that public relations is more difficult to measure than most activities. PR can claim almost anything. How much, for example, did public relations contribute to the success of Filofax? Last year its managing director, David Collischon, received the president's medal from the Institute of Public Relations. Filofax's own PR department, while praising the effectiveness of Collischon as a communicator, modestly says that Filofax took off because journalists themselves, a mobile lot, discovered how useful the product was, then wrote about it as a symbol of upward mobility.

You can see why the Institute settled on "Sword of Excellence". The artefact has a simple function, and its effectiveness is easily measured: one blow and heads will roll. Or rather, to use the language of the Institute, there is "a carefully programmed repositioning" of the offending head. One of the campaigns shortlisted by the institute is by Charles Barker City for "Hambros PLC – long term change and investor relations". The campaign was apparently "a carefully programmed repositioning of a well known banking name".

Consider Paragon Communications and its campaign for ICL, also shortlisted. As a result of the campaign, says the institute, "six major retail segments ... now view ICL as both market and technology leader". Clearly some hard facts there, provided by market research.

However, a word of caution about market research. Some years ago a television producer, as an aid to the audience researchers, supplied them with a running order of his programme and brief descriptions of what each segment of the programme would contain. The producer was gratified later to discover that 70 per cent of those sampled found a particular film interesting. Gratified but puzzled, because the film was dropped before rehearsal and neither researchers nor public could possibly have seen it.

Antony Rouse is a freelance writer and once worked in public relations.

How we retreated to Moscow

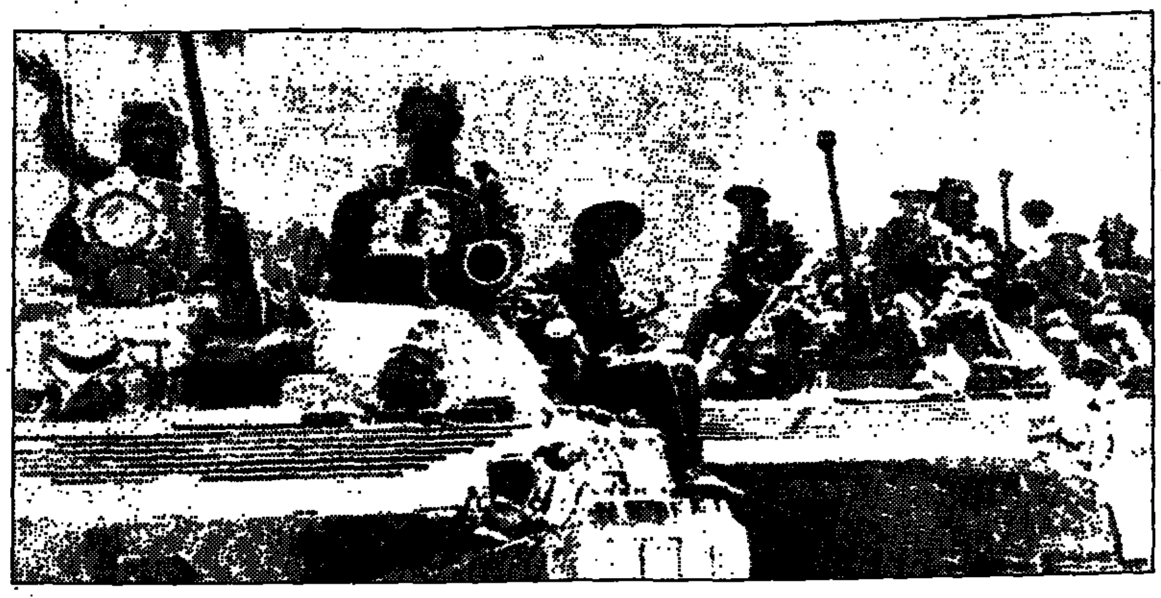
Christopher Walker on heroic Soviet efforts to handle the army of Western media at the withdrawal from Afghanistan

An American correspondent thought he had stumbled across an interesting story at one of the endless ceremonies to mark the withdrawal of the first Soviet column from Afghanistan. A soldier, dressed in the familiar khaki fatigues and blue and white vest, was dismissing the war as "stupid and crazy". Only later did the correspondent discover that the Russian was not a soldier at all, but an actor from Moscow taking part in a new Soviet anti-war film, *All Expenses Paid.*

The incident was typical of the bizarre, *Scoop*-type atmosphere that has marked coverage of the withdrawal, with the Kremlin determined to milk favourable publicity from its military retreat and therefore providing Western, Soviet and Eastern bloc newsmen with facilities remarkable even in these days of *glasnost.*

But even the Kremlin's most skilful propagandists could not cope with the vagaries of Afghan life, which would have made Boot feel much at home. At the former Kabul Intercontinental, now renamed the Melmah Pall Hotel, where most of the 150 newsmen were housed, the only link with the outside world was two telex lines routed through Moscow or an unpredictable telephone system whose five lines went through Paris.

Arriving journalists, including an incongruous woman from British television who insisted on wearing Soviet army uniform to the dismay of her colleagues, were asked if they wanted rooms on the "safe side". This turned out to be that section of the hotel least likely to be hit by incoming rockets.



Cameras roll: a convoy of more than 200 Red Army tanks and armoured personnel carriers rumble out of Kabul

When the much prized visas to cover the start of the Soviet retreat had been issued, Associated Press, the leading US news agency, was excluded because one of its correspondents had upset Afghan's President Najibullah by asking if he was planning to flee to the Soviet Union if his regime collapsed.

The Times was the only British newspaper to be granted a visa from Moscow, but *The Daily Telegraph* signed up Gordon Martin, a former BBC diplomatic correspondent, who was beginning his retirement with a holiday in the elegant British Embassy, which is guarded round the clock by a detachment of Gurkhas.

Once checked into the hotel, the journalists, especially the main American television teams, found they were virtual prisoners in the ugly building overlooking the city – prevented from leaving, except in special convoys, by armed Afghan soldiers and members of Kahb, the notorious KGB-trained Afghan secret police.

As rockets and bombs began to pound the capital, indicating that the mujahidin rebels had penetrated closer than expected, the crew of the American NBC television network were informed that if they attempted to film the aftermath of the attacks (in which more than 15 people died) rather than attend a presidential Press conference, their visas would be cancelled.

The high point of the media farce came when around 100 volunteers from the Press were flown north to welcome home the troops in the Uzbek cotton-trading town of Termez. A breakdown in Afghan liaison (one of so many that reporters have become cynical about the chances of the Afghan army's survival) meant that the town's only passable hotel was overbooked by more than 70 people. After a four-hour wait, when scarcely habitable rooms were found in a fly-infested student hospital, the delegation of Indian journalists staged a strike because of the disgusting state of the toilets.

The next day, weary Soviet soldiers who had driven more than 350 miles from Jalalabad had to endure American television crews riding willy-nilly on their vehicles, although it was American-supplied weapons that were threatening them with the possibility of an ambush.

Encouraged by the double-speak of the Kremlin, sweating Soviet cameramen were involved in imaginative scenes in which elderly Uzbek men were forcibly reunited with soldiers who were not their real relatives. One small girl assigned to a soldier she had never laid eyes on before was led away in tears.

Was it worth it? Up to a point, Lord Copper.

Publisher, heal thyself

A new volume from the book trade unwittingly shows its weaknesses

For the first time in 52 years the world's publishers are meeting in Britain. They kick off on Sunday with a Westminster Abbey celebration starring Dame Peggy Ashcroft and Sir John Gielgud. Then delegates from more than 50 countries spend five days conferring.

To coincide with this, a slim volume by 11 "leading publishers" has been produced by Peter Owen. One might reasonably expect it to be some sort of flag-waver for British publishing, and since some of my best friends are publishers one would like to wish it well, but, oh God, how one's friends can let one down.

Owen himself writes that in recent years "book design and particularly book covers have been revolutionized". The front cover of this book is stark black print underlined in red on a pink background, ISBN and bar code writ large in grey beneath. On the back the ISBN and bar code are repeated, together with the Peter Owen logo. The whole of the rest of the back jacket is blank white. If this is a revolutionary cover it is a revolution not made but prevented.

Typeface and paper are acceptable but why will more British publishers not follow the example of the fine US house of Knopf and of our own Bloomsbury and give us "a note on the type". If you value craftsmanship you should acknowledge it.

And so to content. One of my own dear editors, God bless her, has the honesty to say that one of the reasons that she is an editor and not an author is that she cannot write. Nevertheless there are publishers – Sinclair-Stevenson of Hamish, McCrum of Fabers, Lewis of Chatto who write well and have the books to prove it. Why then do we have to endure a prose style which can produce the following:

"Actually, institutional investors, such as pension funds, are often prepared, indeed disposed, to take a longer view, but even here some fund managers can have go-go ambitions, and fuddy-duddy old specialist book publishers are seen as needing a fire lighting under them."

Because this particular contributor to the book is the current president of the Publishers' Association, that's why. No real writer could write such a sentence; no real editor would let it through; no real book would contain it.

A picture emerges, does it not? Over-priced, ill-written, badly presented ... the product of a chance conversation at an Amsterdam conference on "the future of books" which discovered that "there was no up-to-date book on publishing". Tell that to Anthony Blond, whose *The Book Book*, published by Cape, covered every aspect of the business.

And yet there is some good in the worst of curate's eggs. Ursula Owen writes splendidly on feminist publishing; Philippa Harrison says practically all the right things on behalf of Macmillan, one of the most author-friendly of publishing houses. (I much approved Ursula Owen's line: "We are as much married to our readers as to our authors".)

If there is a consensus view from this Publishers' XI it is: huge international consortia – bad; 55,000 or so new titles a year – too many; public funding, especially of libraries, – too low; state of the industry – gives grounds (shadowy) for optimism. The publishers could and should have put together an incomparably more persuasive and attractive book than this.

Tim Heald

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MEDIA & MARKETING

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IPC hopes to emulate the success of *Q*, launched by Emap in September 1986. Its first issue sold 40,000 copies, more or less on the back of *Smash Hits*. Geared rather self-consciously at older, somewhat neglected, rock music lovers, *Q* has spurned television promotion. Nevertheless, it has grown in circulation and stature with each issue. According to its editor, Mark Ellen, it now sells 76,000 copies a month.

Explaining *Q* to advertisers was not easy because at that stage there was no British role model. "The nearest equivalent was *Rolling Stone*," Ellen says. *Smash Hits*, which spawned an IPC clone, *No 1*, was unashamedly there "to exploit the singles boom". But as its readers grew up, they needed something else.

Roy Carr, editor designate of IPC's *Q*-clone, is wary of giving much away. "Titles are being bandied around. We're working doing photo-sessions and acquiring material. I can assure you it will be visually stunning."

Ellen, who calls IPC's current titles "dull and humourless", says Carr's appeal is likely to be to record collectors rather than music lovers. Nevertheless he welcomes the competition. "When I was editor of *Smash Hits*, IPC launched *No 1*. I was quite concerned. But I discovered that in order to get a new magazine into the newsagents, they had to say it was like something. That helped us because it increased awareness of *Smash Hits*. I'm hoping for the same spin-off effect now with *Q*."

Andrew Lycett

Dawn of a new daily

Robert Waterhouse is about to launch the first new regional daily paper this century. Angela Neustatter reports

On the day that *The Guardian* decided to stop production in the North, Robert Waterhouse conceived the idea of a regional newspaper which would cover the North-west, treating its news and affairs with the same importance he saw being given to events in the South and South-east by the national dailies.

He has watched the nationals shrink their Northern operations over recent years and asks: "Isn't it curious that the North-west, which has a population greater than Scotland, served by two serious dailies, is generally now covered by a single correspondent for a major national newspaper?"

Last month contracts were signed making the *North West Times* a reality. It is due to be launched at the end of September, covering the area between Stoke-on-Trent, Wales and Carlisle, and will be the first new regional daily this century.

Waterhouse, founder of the 46,000-a-week circulation *South Manchester Reporter*, took two years to get his £2.1 million backing, from a private investor, the Business Expansion fund, and a sizeable overdraft from Barclays Bank. He talks of what he believes will be "the first generation of this new style of paper" and from where he hopes a projected circulation of 60,000 will come.

"We will be targeting the business and professional community, giving them the kind of coverage which will help with their business interests. A lot of money is currently being spent in and around Manchester and there is a good deal of serious investment, so reporting on this is clearly important.

"Although there will be a weighting towards this, and we see people interested in it as our core readership, we will also have general news coverage for the region and there will be arts and general features, comprehensive regional listings and other items which will, I hope, pick up other readers.

"Research has shown that there is an information gap at present and local advertising agencies are also concerned about the lack of northern news in other newspapers. They have told us there are clients who want to put advertising into a cost effective regional paper, rather than having to go into papers covering the whole country and with very high advertising rates."

He is adamant that the *North West Times*, which will average 18 pages and have a cover price of 25p, is not in competition with the established dailies or with the region's 10 evening papers. He explains: "We see ourselves as an addition to the existing papers. Studies have shown that the price of an extra paper is not a problem."

Inspiration for the style and perspective of news is drawn from the *Financial Times*, Waterhouse says, but what of the paper's political perspective? His two righthand men, who have helped devise the paper's look and content, are also ex Manchester *Guardian*, so it might be assumed they have leftish leanings. But Waterhouse says: "We are not having a fixed political line. Our first question when viewing any social or political decisions will be "what does this hold for the North-west?" If you take the last budget, for example, there are good things in terms of investment incentives as well as some bad things and I hope we would get that across. With issues such as the nuclear industry I like to think we will mix conscience with sanity.

"Sellafield is right in our area and British Nuclear Fuels is based in Warrington. We will be keeping a close watch and if there are genuine improvements, for example in the way they handle their waste, then we record it. If there are problems we would hope to be as quick on them as other papers."

A number of Northern advertising agencies have expressed enthusiasm for the precept on which the *North West Times* has been established. Frank Casey, chairman of Brunnings agency in Manchester, says: "It is ironic that, as the North-west has become a more and more homogeneous marketing region with much more prosperity than is generally realized, so the media offering real coverage of it has progressively weakened.

"A quality daily which can truly speak to and for the region, but at the same time have a more than purely local perspective, seems to me to be positive and exciting."

David Blythe, deputy managing director of Bowden, Dyble & Hayes, says: "Circulation and advertising opportunities exist for a well-structured quality newspaper biased to the North-west and reflecting lifestyle, attitudes and aspirations of the region while helping to build and market the region."

A more cautious note is struck by Ian Mitchell, a director of TMD, Manchester, who believes it may be difficult to persuade those putting together national advertising campaigns to think of a regional paper in preference to a national. "ABC1 adults are well served by the serious nationals, and if you start to look at specific markets like classified ads, which this year are 30 per cent up on last year, you find the nationals cutting rates to get them.

"Equally with display advertising there is a competitive market. And I would ask the question: how many advertisers have a market solely in the North-west? You could say from the philanthropic point of view the North-west is crying out for news coverage, but that won't change the perceptions of your media planner in London."

> **'A quality daily which can truly speak to and for the region seems to me to be positive and exciting'**

Waterhouse, left, is targeting the business community, looking for a circulation of 60,000. He believes his paper will be the first of a new breed

BYLINES

Chess Press mess

The international chess world is in the throes of a row over Press freedom which mirrors the UN dispute over restrictions on journalists between the Third World countries and Western democracies. The cause is a code of ethics drawn up by David Anderton, director of the British Chess Federation. It is due to be discussed later this year at the general assembly of the international chess federation, Fide, and there are claims that Western federations may leave Fide if it is adopted.

The dispute centres on a clause designed to ban "threatening, abusive or insulting" journalism likely to stir up racial hatred. Larry Parr, former editor of the US magazine *Chess Life*, maintains the clause could be used by unscrupulous and undemocratic Third World countries to intimidate journalists who write critical articles about them. In a histrionic open letter to the president of the US Chess Federation, he warns that the clause is a breach of the First Amendment rights which American journalists take for granted.

Some British chess writers, including *The Times* correspondent, Raymond Keene, agree. But Anderton says the clause is merely tackling the problem of racial attacks, and that there is a safeguard: a two-thirds majority of Fide members is needed before action against a writer.

Healthy debate

A documentary to be screened next Wednesday on BBC2 seems to contradict the view that independent producers, perhaps dependent on one or two programme contracts and more vulnerable to outside pressure, are less likely than their BBC or ITV counterparts to tackle controversial subjects. *A Dream of Health* was made by Health Productions, in reality one woman, former *Times Health Supplement* editor Jill Turner. She has devoted two years to the programme, which deals with such politically charged subjects as the effects of unemployment and poverty on health, and what Turner sees as the inability of conventional medicine to make us well. "The medical establishment has not seen the programme but may well be very cross about it," she says.

Moving North

United Newspapers subsidiary Southside Publications is adding a third title, *Northside*, this September to its existing glossy free magazines in London, *Southside* and *Westside*. The new magazine will go to 45,000 selected households 10 times a year in an upmarket swathe from Hampstead to Islington. Publisher Betty Low says the magazines succeed where others have failed by concentrating on local editorial. The inevitable *Eastside*, for deprived Docklanders in ready-renovated warehouses, is expected to follow.

Sunday's best?

Saatchi & Saatchi has cast doubt on the wisdom of the Telegraph group's decision to switch publication of its colour magazine from Sunday to Saturday. As Saatchi makes clear, the cross-readership between daily and Sunday sister papers is much less than you might think: 60 per cent of *Mail on Sunday* readers, for example, don't read the *Daily Mail*. So how will the 55 per cent of *Sunday Telegraph* readers who don't read *The Daily Telegraph* take to the decision?

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Newsnight reporter John Harrison, once a *Daily Mail* political correspondent, is tipped to become BBC TV's new chief political correspondent. . . *The Guardian* will decide tomorrow whether to print 10,000 copies of a 24-page European "beach edition" of the paper in France from next week. . . The IBA and the ITV companies are likely to apply for one of six licences from the DTI to operate a satellite communications network. . . Four agencies are still in the running to take over the Health Education Authority's £4 million anti-Aids campaign from TBWA: Boase Massimi Pollitt, Abbott Mead Vickers-SMS, Butterfield Day Devito Hockney, and Waldron Allen Henry & Thompson. . .

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☆ **THE BRAVE:** Eleanor David and Maurice Roeves in new Sharman Macdonald play set in Algeria but thinking of Scotland.

Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush, W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherd's Bush. Tues-Sun 7-9.15pm, £5.

☆ **THE COMMON PURSUIT:** Simon Gray play traces the fortunes of undergraduate friends; splendid cast led by Rik Mayall, John Sessions, Stephen Fry, John Gordon Sinclair.

Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Thurs 8-10.15pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-11pm, mats Fri and Sat 6-8.15pm, £6-£14.50.

☆ **THE DEEP BLUE SEA:** Penelope Keith as Rattigan's doomed wife in love with an RAF pilot.

Theatre Royal, Haymarket SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed 3-5.30pm, £4-£14.50.

☆ ***DRIVING MISS DAISY:*** *Wendy* Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the *relationship between an elderly Jewess* and her black chauffeur.

Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Opens tonight, 7-8.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm; mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.

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Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-11.05pm. Mats Sat 5-7.35pm and Wed 2.30-5.05pm, £7.50-£15.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

FYRDUNG
(a) The national army mustered for battle; the *fyrd* was the Anglo-Saxon army before the Conquest.

TENTIGINOUS
(c) Excited to lust or lecherous, from the Latin *tentigo* an attack of priapism.

CEMENT MIXER
(c) A dance or other display that includes the swivelling of the pelvis, cf. *grind* and *coffee grinder.*

MUSSITATION
(b) Muttering to oneself in a low voice, making speaking movements, gesticulating, as lots of us do when thinking things over; from the Latin *mussitare* the frequentative of *mussare* to mutter.

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OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **The Elephant Man:** Bernard Pomerance's touching play, with a cast coached in circus skills.
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⊠ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30.

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■ **MOONSTRUCK (PG):** Should Cher play it safe and marry Danny Aiello, or follow her heart and go for his brother, Nicholas Cage? Norman Jewison took the Best Director award at the Berlin Film Festival and Cher the Best Actress Oscar (102 min).
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Early revival: Louisa Rix and Gabrielle Drake in *How the Other Half Loves*, previewing in the West End

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Jeremy Kingston

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(2)	The Pavarotti Collection	*Stylus*
2	(1)	The Essential Karajan	*DG*
3	(17)	*The Collection*	Placido Domingo, *Stylus*
4	(3)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Virtuosi of England, *CFP*
5	(4)	Maria Callas Collection	*Stylus*
6	(–)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	Cohen/LPO, *CFP*
7	(–)	Wagner: Ride of the Valkyries	Rickenbacher/LPO, *EMI*
8	(11)	Vivaldi: Concerti/Handel: Water Music	SGPO, *Spectrum*
9	(13)	Holst: The Planets	Rattle/PO, *Eminence*
10	(5)	Duets From Famous Operas	Various, *CFP*
11	(–)	Holst: The Planets	Hickox/LSO, *IMP*
12	(–)	Mozart: Greatest Hits	Various, *Trax Classique*
13	(–)	Vaughan Williams: Symphony 5	Handley/RLPO, *Eminence*
14	(–)	Portrait of Segovia	Andres Segovia, *Stylus*
15	(6)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	Du Pré, *HMV*
16	(–)	Mozart: Symphonies 40 & 41	Abbado/LSO, *DG Galleria*
17	(7)	Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture	Mackerras/LPO, *CFP*
18	(10)	Orff: Carmina Burana	Hallé, *CFP*
19	(–)	Beethoven: Piano Sonatas	Wilhelm Kempff, *DG Galleria*
20	(–)	Classical World of EMI	Various, *EMI*

Source: Music Week Research

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FROM BOURNEMOUTH:** Tamás Vásáry conducts the Bournemouth Sinfonietta in Rossini's *Italiana in Algeri* Overture then solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638-8891), 1-1.50pm, free.

☆ **CONTI/CORELLI:** The Lecosaldi *Ensemble performs Conti's Languet Anima Mea* Cantata, quickly following it with Corelli's G major Trio Sonata. Peter Lea-Cox conducts.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373-5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **FELICITY VINCENT:** This cellist plays a sonata in A by Boccherini and one in B flat by Mendelssohn. At the piano is Angela Brownridge.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-24j-6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **WHOLE FIREBIRD:** Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra in the complete version of Stravinsky's *L'Oiseau de Feu.* But first Alicia de Larrocha solos in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928-3191, cc 01-928-8800), 7.30pm, £2-£14.

☆ **BIZET'S BIRTH:** To celebrate the 150th anniversary of Bizet's birth the London Concert Orchestra, Ambrosian Opera Chorus and soloists perform excerpts from *Carmen, Les Pêcheurs de Perles, La Jolie fille de Perth, L'Arlésienne.* James Lockhart conducts.
Barbican Centre, 7.45-9.45pm, £5-£14.

OPERA

☆ **ANNA BOLENA:** Donizetti's opera, in a new production for Dame Joan Sutherland who gives a highly acclaimed performance in the title role conducted by Richard Bonynge.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London, WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.00-10.30pm, £2-£70.

★ **THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE SOVIET UNION:** Nigel Osbourne's exciting new opera sung in English with Henry Herford as Boris Pasternak.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), 6.20-9.50pm, returns only.

GALLERIES

JOHN PLAYER PORTRAIT AWARD: 60 pictures, many by young hopefuls, selected from an open submission.
National Portrait Gallery, 2 St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until September 4.

ROSE HILTON: Recent interior and still-life paintings and drawings.
Michael Parkin Fine Art, 11 Motcomb Street, London SW1 (01-235 8144), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until July 8.

BIG PAINTINGS: By Eileen Cooper, Stephen Dunn, Tricia Gilman, Michael Ginsborg, Pam Skelton and Emrys Williams.
Benjamin Rhodes Gallery, 4 New Burlington Place, London W1 (01-434 1768), *Mon-Fri* 10-5.30pm, Sat 10.30-1.30pm, free, until July 9.

F DONALD BLAKE: An 80th birthday show for an acclaimed marine painter.
Linda Blackstone Gallery, The Old Slaughterhouse, Pinner, Middx (01-868 5765). Wed-Sat 10-6pm, free, until June 18.

JAZZ

☆ **THE FREE JAZZ QUARTET:** Avant-garde drummer Eddie Prevost leads a band which includes trombonist Paul Rutherford and saxophonist Harrison Smith.
Bath Festival, Arnolfini, 16 Narrow Quay, Bristol (0272 299191) 8pm, £4.

☆ **EDUARDO NIEBLA/ANTONIO FORCIONE:** Tasteful Latin guitar duo whose stock has risen since the release of the Virgin LP *Celebration.*
Band On The Wall, 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625) doors open 8.30pm, £3.

☆ **YANK LAWSON:** The septugenarian trumpeter — ex-Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey — appears with Laurie Chescoe's Band.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722) 9.30pm, ring for prices.

ROCK

★ **EURYTHMICS:** Lennox and Stewart making a rare club appearance, reportedly with the full *Revenge* band including Clem Burke.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 8pm, £8.

☆ ***TIMBUK 3:*** *The wry "Future's So* Bright" Texan duo, plus beatbox.
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-437 1801) 8pm, £6.

DANCE

☆ **GISELLE:** Peter Wright's production for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet.
The Big Top, Jesus Green, *Cambridge (0223 463377), 7.30-9.45pm,* £3.75 to £10.

☆ **NORTH STAR:** This and other works by Lar Lubovich Dance Company for Bath Festival.
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 63362), 7.30-9.45pm, £3-£12.

☆ **DARK ELLEGIES:** See caption.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London WC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£12.50.

Valda Setterfield (above) studied with Marie Rambert in the 1950s and appeared with her company in *Giselle* before going to America and becoming a soloist for Merce Cunningham. Now she is the star of her husband, David Gordon's, Pick-Up Company. This week she returns to Rambert Dance Company as guest in a new work, *Mates*, by Gordon, from tonight on a programme with the revival of Antony Tudor's *Dark Ellegies* and the first London showing by this company of Cunningham's *Septet*.

WALKS

HIDDEN INTERIORS OF BYGONE LONDON: meet Temple tube, 11am, £3 (also next Wed).

PUBS, SMUGGLERS, PIRATES AND PRESSGANGS: meet Tower Hill tube, 7.20pm, £3 (also next Wed).

OTHER EVENTS

EMBROIDERY '88: *An exhibition of* selected works by students from Chelsea School of Art and the London Institute.
Fulham Library, Fulham Road, London SW6. Today until June 11, today, Fri and Sat, 9.15-5pm, tomorrow 9.15-8pm, free.

IN SEARCH OF MAGIC: First major national exhibition presented by the National Association of Designers and Makers of Fine Bespoke Furniture.
St Stephen Walbrook Church, City of London. Today until June 18 during normal church opening hours. Closed Sun. (Info: Nicola Churchill 01-979-4195).

ART AND DESIGN FOUNDATION SHOW: Exhibition of work by foundation course students from Middlesex Polytechnic.
The Foundation Studios, Middlesex Polytechnic, Cat Hill, Barnet, Herts. Today until June 10, 10-6pm, free.

TRACE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY: Jean Debney of the Berkshire Family History Society tells how to go about it.
The Kennet Room, Civic Centre, Reading, Berkshire. 6pm. Tickets on the door Adult £1 child 50p.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SCHUBERT AND BRITTEN: Celebration of two composers by English Chamber Orchestra, as part of South Bank Summerscope festival; with semi-staged performance of Schubert's *Fierrabras*, Schubert Lieder, and Britten's *Les Illuminations.* Aug 18-27.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Phone booking from today.

BARBICAN IN JULY: Booking for three day jazz festival with Benny Goodman 1938 concert, Katia and Marielle Labeque piano recital, costumed performance of *The Mikado* by London Savoyards, King's Singers 20th anniversary concert, Peter Skellern *evening, and George* Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy.*
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2, (01-638 8891).

ARTISTS AGAINST AIDS: Gala concert and dinner, with Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra, Stuart Burrows and Andrew Greenwood, introduced by Ned Sherrin. Tickets include reception and four-course dinner. June 24.
Grosvenor House Hotel, London. Association of Artists Against Aids, 54 Regents Park Road, London NW1.

LAST CHANCE

LUCIAN FREUD — WORKS ON PAPER: 33 prints and 50 drawings. Ends Sunday at Oxford, before touring to Edinburgh, Hull, Liverpool and *Exeter.*
Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (0865 278000).

MARC QUINN: Bronze figurative sculpture by American artist. Ends tomorrow.
Otis Gallery, C23 Metropolitan Wharf, Wapping Wall, London E1 (01-274 0041).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston: **Films:** Geoff Brown: **Concerts:** Max Harrison: **Opera:** Hilary Finch: **Rock:** David Sinclair: **Jazz:** Clive Davis: **Dance:** John Percival: **Galleries:** David Lee: **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw: **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug: **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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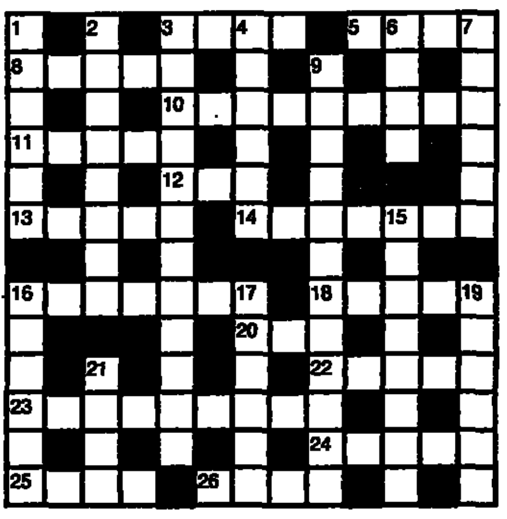

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ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA. Ton't 7.00 Xerxes. Tomor 7.30 The Cunning Little Vixen.

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 379 6565/4444. London International Opera presents until Sat Mecklenburgh Opera: Ullmann's PRELUDES & THE EMPEROR OF ATLANTIS Eves 8pm.

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA with The London Philharmonic Today & Fri at 6.20 & Sun at 5.20 The Electrification of the Soviet Union Some Tickets at £22.50 available for today and Fri (also June 15). Tomor at 6.20 Kat'a Kabanova. Sat at 5.40 Die Entführung aus dem Serail. Post returned tickets only. Box Office 0273 541111.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066 / 1911 Stdby info 01 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day.
Ton't 7.00 THE ROYAL OPERA Anna Bolena. Tomor 7.30 Peter Grimes (Anthony Roden replaces Jon Vickers)

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CINEMAS

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CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St. off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 YVES MONTAND in MANON DES SOURCES (PG). Film at 1.15 (not Sun) 3.30, 6.0, 8.20. "It has the mark of a classic" Times.

CINEMAS

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. DANIEL DAY LEWIS in THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING (18). Film at 1.30 (not Sun) 4.45, 8.00. "Sensational...This is truly an erotic film" London Evening Standard.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE (930 5252) A PRAYER FOR THE DYING (15) Sep progs Daily 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.40. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/Visa/ AmEx) 930 7615. 24 hour service.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 *Ceefax AM.*
6.40 **The Newlyweds** (b/w). **6.55** **Weather.**
7.00 **Breakfast Time.** With Jeremy *Paxman* and Kirsty Wark. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30.** Regional News and weather at **8.55.**
9.00 **News and weather,** followed by **Dallas.** (Ceefax) (r).
9.50 **Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga.** The Fish. (r).
10.00 **News and weather,** followed by **Miniature Worlds.** Inhabitants *of a rock pool (Ceefax) (r).* **10.15** Cartoon.
10.25 **Children's BBC.** Introduced by Andy Crane, starting with **Play *School*** with *Floella* Benjamin and Robin Kingsland (r).
10.50 **Cricket:** Tony Lewis introduces *live coverage* of the start of today's *semifinal in* the Benson and Hedges Cup. Commentators are Richie Benaud and Tom Graveney. Includes **10.55** and **12.00** News and weather; **12.55** Regional News and weather.
1.00 **One O'Clock *News* with** Michael Buerk. Weather.
1.30 **Neighbours.** Helen behaves *strangely: Scott's piece for the paper stirs up trouble; and Mrs* Mangel gets a job offer.
1.50 **Cricket.** Further coverage of the day's play.
2.15 ***Film: Black Widow*** *(1954).* Murder mystery involving Manhattan's theatrical set, starring George Raft as the *detective,* Ginger *Rogers as* the bitch, and Van Heflin as the Broadway producer who becomes the suspected *murderer.* *Directed by Nunnally Johnson.*
3.50 **Pie in the Sky** (r). **4.10** **Yogi's Treasure Hunt.** (r).
4.25 **The Movie Game.** Phillip *Schofield with a new quiz series* about the cinema. **4.55** **Newsround.**
5.05 **The December Rose.** The last *episode in the adventure series.* (r).
5.35 **Neighbours.** (r).
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. *Weather.*
6.35 **London Plus.**
7.00 **Wogan.** Terry's guests include Stephen Venables, the young *North London climber who* recently conquered Everest without using oxygen; and singing soap opera star Howard Keel
7.35 **Cudmore's Call.** Singer/songwriter Peter Skellern, tennis player Annabel Croft, and broadcaster Eamonn Holmes, take their third lesson from top helmsman Harold Cudmore *in their attempt to crew a racing* yacht. (Ceefax).
8.00 **Dallas.** Sue Ellen discovers that JR's revenge is swift and *harsh; while Ray becomes the* target of someone's affections. (Ceefax).
8.50 **Points of View** with Anne *Robinson.*
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional News and weather.
9.30 ***Suffer the Children.*** Documentary from South Africa about the children, black and white, that are growing up under the restrictions of apartheid. Since the State of Emergency was declared two years ago it is estimated that 10,000 young people have been detained or arrested by the Security Police, and it is claimed that some as young as 11 years old have been tortured. (Ceefax).
10.20 **Sportsnight.** Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the British Middleweight Championship match between Herol "Bomber" Graham and James Cook; plus an assessment of the teams competing in the European Football Championship, highlights of today's cricket semifinal, and tennis news from the Stella Artois Championship.
12.10 **Weather, Closedown.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am beginning with The Morning Programme prsented by Richard Keys; **7.00** **Good Morning Britain.** **9.00** ***After Nine*** with Jayne Irving.
9.25 **Thames News.**
9.30 **Cross Wits.** With Leslie *Crowther and Susie Blake (r).* **10.00** **Santa Barbara.** **10.25** **News Headlines.**
10.30 **The Time . . . The Place.** Mike Scott chairs a discussion on the subject of the mid-life crisis. **11.10** **Allsorts.** **11.25** **Thames News Headlines.**
11.30 **Make It Pay.** Wooden toy-making and paper flowers.
12.00 **That's My Dog.** Canine quiz *show.* **12.30** ***The Sullivans.***
1.00 **ITN News at One** with Julia Somerville.**1.20** **Thames News,** followed by **Crimestoppers.**
1.30 **A *Country Practice.*** *The new* nurse arrives; and Frank and Shirley get ready for Gabe's visit.
2.30 **Something to Treasure.** Includes a visit to the biggest antiques fair on earth.
3.00 **Take the High Road.** The minister *tells the doctor his* troubles; and John has some advice for his daughter-in-law
3.25 **Thames News Headlines.**
3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **Children's ITV** starts with **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** (r). **4.10** **The Telebugs** (r). **4.20** **T-Bag Strikes Again** (r).
4.45 **Chatterbox** Young people's chat show presented by Aled Jones. Guests include Christian Bale, star of Steven Spielberg's *Empire of the Sun*; and Michael Hurley talks about his work for children in care and the Prince's Trust. (Oracle).
5.15 **Winner Takes All.** Family quiz show hosted by Geoffrey Wheeler.
5.45 **News** with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 **Thames News.**
6.25 **Help** talks to a group of young unemployed Irish mothers about their experiences of *being* Irish in London.
6.30 **Emmerdale Farm.**
7.00 **Where There's Life . . .** Miriam Stoppard reports on the recently *recognized disease Myalegic* Encephalomyelitis. The symptoms include extreme tiredness but what are the causes?
7.30 ***Coronation Street*** *Ivy and the* girls are celebrating the forthcoming wedding when disaster strikes. (Oracle).
8.00 ***Run the Gauntlet.*** A team of action sports specialists take on teams from Great Britain, USA, Holland and Australasia in a series of action games and races combining skill and endurance.
9.00 **The Equalizer.** Edward Woodward stars as McCall, a retired secret agent turned one-man security outfit (Oracle).
10.00 **News at Ten** with Alastair *Burnet and Alastair Stewart.*
10.30 **Thames News.**
10.35 **Midweek Sport Special.** Nick Owen presents a preview of the *teams competing in the* European Football Championship in West Germany, and coverage of last night's World Championship *Boxing* (Thomas "Hitman" Hearns v Iran "The Blade" Barkley).
12.00 **Film: Prime Cut** (1972). Thriller starring Lee Marvin as an enforcer sent by the Chicago mob to eliminate a Kansas gangster (Gene Hackman) who has been too greedy. Directed by Michael Ritchie.
1.30am **America's Top 10.** With Casey Kasem.
2.00 **News Headlines,** followed by **Film: Devils of Darkness** (1964). Vampire horror story about a trio of British holidaymakers in a Breton village on All Soul's Eve. Directed by Lance Comfort.
3.35 **The Twilight Zone.** Another tale of the supernatural.
4.00 **News Headlines,** followed by **WKRP in Cincinnati.** Comedy series.
4.20 **Fifty Years On.** Vintage newsclips
5.00 **ITN Morning News.** Ends **6.00.**

BBC2

Chicago-born comedienne Ruby Wax introduces DEF II (BBC2, 7.30pm)

6.55 **Open University.** Education: *The Standards Debate. Ends at* **7.20.**
9.00 **Ceefax.**
10.00 **Daytime on Two:** You and Me: *A series for four and five-year-olds.* **10.15** Big Top Science **10.35** Ceefax **11.00** Words and Pictures **11.18** Geography Programme: Why Industry Comes and Goes. **11.40** Ceefax **12.28** Politics and You: You and the Law. **12.50** Discovering Portugese: Introduction to the language and the people (last in the series).
1.20 **The Flumps.** Children's story narrated by *Gay Soper. (r).*
1.38 **Zig Zag** examines the amazing machine that is the human body. *With the help of strong man* Geoff Capes.
2.00 **News and weather,** followed by **Storytime.** *The Balinese tale of* Ayu and the Perfect Moon. Presented by Tina Gray.
2.15 **Cricket.** Tony Lewis introduces live coverage of the afternoon's play in the Benson and Hedges Cup semifinal through to the finish. With commentators Richie Benaud and Tom *Graveney; and summaries* from Ray Illingworth and David Acfield. Includes **3.00** News and weather and **3.50** News, weather, and regional news and weather.
7.30 **DEF II.** Ruby Wax is the hostess for this week's youth programmes, starting with **Animation Now.** A series of award-winning films *from* around the world. Top Priority by Ishu Patel is a tragic tale set in a Third World country.
7.40 **FSd.** With the television debut of the BMX Bandits from Bellshill; plus Primal Scream, who originally hail from Glasgow; and cult street musicians Wray Gun and the Rockets. Also a visit to the *Cut music magazine offices in* Edinburgh.
8.10 **The Trireme Quest.** John Morrison's 50-year dream to *rediscover the secrets* of a legendary Greek warship came true last summer. A replica of the Trireme, which was powered *by 170 oarsmen and armed* with a deadly battering ram, was built to his specifications and put to sea in the Aegean for the *first time in 2,000 years.* Narrated by Alan Dobie. (r).
9.00 **M*A*S*H.** Colonel Potter goes for a week's rest and relaxation *leaving Frank in charge of the* 4077. But crisis follows crisis when Hot Lips starts to suffer with severe abdominal pain, and the Colonel's horse collapses (r).
9.25 **The Singing Detective.** Part two of Dennis Potter's award-winning six-part film with music, starring Michael Gambon as Philip Marlow, writer of cheap detective fiction. Confined to a hospital bed from a severe case of Psoriasis, his fevered mind wanders through one of his early works. Fantasy and reality merge as a thought or a sound trigger musical memories from the Forties. With Janet Suzman, Patrick Malahide and Bill Paterson. (Ceefax). (r)
10.35 **Newsnight** with Peter Snow and Donald MacCormick.
11.20 **Weatherview.**
11.25 **Interval.**
11.30 **Open University.** Choosing whether to have your baby at home or in a hospital. **11.55** Caring for the elderly. Ends at **12.25am.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 **Schools.**
12.00 **Sesame Street.** Pre-school learning series for children.
12.30 **Business Daily.** Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons.
1.00 **The Customer Connection: Who Cares Wins.** Open College series about customer relations examines communication. (Oracle).
1.30 **Write On.** Open College series about improving writing skills. (Oracle) (r).
2.00 **The Parliament Programme.** Presented by Glyn Mathias, with reporters Nicholas Woolley and James Mates.
2.30 **Film: April in Paris** (1952). Romantic musical comedy starring Doris Day as a chorus girl who is mistakenly invited by the US State Department to represent American theatre at a Paris festival. With Ray Bolger, *Claude Dauphin, Eve Miller* and George Givot. Directed by David Butler.
4.20 **Merry Minstrel Magoo.** The *miopic Mr Magoo appears on* what he thinks is a TV show, with disastrous results.
4.30 **Countdown.** Richard Whiteley *introduces the last edition of the* words and numbers game before the finals start tomorrow. With Gyles Brandreth in *dictionary corner.*
5.00 **Ark on the Move.** Sixth in the 13-part series on how a variety of wildlife on this planet is under threat. This week *Gerald Durrell* returns to Rodrigues, an island near Mauritius, to see whether the captive breeding programmes he set up five years ago have saved the fruit-bat and the fody bird from extinction (r).
5.30 **I Dream of Jeannie.** Vintage American comedy series *starring* Larry Hagman and Barbara Eden.
6.00 **Family Ties.** American *sitcom* starring Michael J Fox. This week Alex makes a date with a woman old enough to be his mother . . . to his real mother's consternation.
6.30 **The Making of Britain.** Continuing the series on the history of Britain, Dr Michael Gilkes examines the unhappy experiences of the Caribbean people who, after the Second World War, were invited by the British government to move to this country.
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Sissons and Sue Carpenter.
7.50 **Party Political Comment** from a Labour politician, followed by weather.
8.00 **The Triple Net.** The third in a four-part series examining the works of 20th-century Welsh language writers and the literary heritage of Wales using the life of Kate Roberts as a guide through the cultural struggle. In tonight's programme Kate is living in the South Wales valley and has published her first short stories when she meets the man she is destined to marry. (Oracle).
8.30 **A Week in Politics** sets the scene for the first by-election of this parliament in Kensington.
9.00 **Next Time . . . Always Next Time.** (see Choice).
10.10 **Echoes.** Episode three of the four-part adaptation of Maeve *Binchy's novel set in a small* Irish seaside town during the Fifties. While Clare is at university in Dublin, she falls in *love with someone from a very* different background. Starring Geraldine James and Siobhan Garahy. (Oracle).
11.00 **Craig Goes Mad in Melbourne.** Highlights of the second Melbourne International Comedy Festival featuring *Anthony Ackroyd, The Front* Law, Rod Quantock, Rita Rudner, Richard Stubbs and Austen Tayshus.
11.30 ***The Late Shift: Charlie Gillett*** and Vivien Goldman present two musical portraits. **Irakere, Live at Ronnie Scott's.** Concert *footage of the 13-piece Cuban* band, who appeared in this country for the first time at the 1985 Cuban Jazz Festival.
12.35am **The Return of Ruben Blades.** Documentary about the Latin American singer/songwriter who gave up law for music. Seen in concert in New York, he also talks with Peter Hamill about the history of his music and his interest in running for political *office. Directed by* Robert Mugge. Ends **2.10am.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES:** 5.35pm-6.00 **Wales Today** 6.35-7.00 **News, followed by Neighbours** 12.10am **Outdoor Bowls** 12.40-12.45 ***News, weather, close*** **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm **Today's Sport** 5.40-6.00 **Inside Ulster** 6.35 **Neighbours** 6.58-7.00 **Inside Ulster Update** **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 **Regional news magazines**

BBC2 **WALES:** 2.15pm-7.30 **Cricket and Outdoor Bowls**

ANGLIA As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Anglia News and Weather **12.00-12.30pm** Gardens For All **1.20-1.30** Anglia News and Weather **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **12.00** Film: Alien **2.10am** Soal **2.40** Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense **4.00** Film: Jet Set Jester **4.35-5.00** Fifty Years On.

BORDER As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Border News **1.20pm-1.30** Border *News* **3.00** *Easy Street* **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround Wednesday **12.00** Weather, Close.

CENTRAL As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Central News **12.30pm** Home Cookery Club **12.35-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** Central News **1.30-2.30** Fal*con Crest* **6.00-6.30** *Central News* **12.05am** Film: Death Hunt **1.55** Donahue **2.50** Film: Prelude to Fame **4.30-5.00** Central Jobfinder '88.

CHANNEL As London except: **9.25am-9.30** For Openers **1.20pm** Channel News **1.30** Model Magic **2.00** A Country Practice **2.30** Take The High Road **3.00** Chain Letters **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **12.00** Film: City on Fire **2.00am** Off the Wall **3.00** Company **3.05** Coast to Coast People **3.35** The American Century **4.35-5.00** Hilary's Adventurers.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **9.25am-9.30** First Thing **1.20pm-1.30** Grampian News **3.00-3.30** That's Hollywood **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **12.05am** Close

GRANADA As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Granada Reports **1.20pm** Granada *Reports* **1.30-2.30** Quincy **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** ***Granada Reports*** 6.30-7.00 ***Emmerdale Farm*** 12.05am **Film: Death Hunt** 1.55 ***Donahue*** 2.50 **Sports Action** 3.50 **Videopix** 4.50-5.00 ***Jobfinder.***

HTV WEST As London except: **9.25am-9.30** HTV News **12.30pm-1.00** Gardening Time **1.20** HTV News **1.30-2.30** Fal*con Crest* **6.00-6.30** *HTV News* **12.00** Nothing But the Best **12.30am** Weather close.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.30** *Wales at Six.*

TSW As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Today News and Weather **12.00** Survival **12.30pm-1.00** A Country Practice **1.20** Today News and Weather **1.30** Falcon Crest **2.25-2.30** Home Cookery Club **6.00-6.30** Today **12.00** **Postscript** 12.05am **Weather, Close.**

TVS As London except: **9.25am-9.30** TVS News and Weather **1.20pm** TVS News and Weather **1.30** Coast to Coast People **2.00** Country Practice **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00** Chain Letters **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **12.00** Film: City on Fire **2.05am** Off the Wall **3.00** Company **3.05** Coast to Coast People **4.35-5.00** Hillary's Adventurers.

TYNE TEES As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Regional News **1.20pm** Regional News **1.25-1.30** Where the Jobs Are **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **12.00** Epilogue **12.10am-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **9.25am-9.30** The Day Ahead **1.20pm-1.30** Ulster *Newsline* **3.30-4.00** *Lifestyles of the* Rich and Famous (Aldo Gucci) **6.00** Summer Edition **6.15-6.30** Preview **12.00** News.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Calendar News **12.30pm** Young Doctors **12.55-1.00** Help Yourself **1.20** Calendar News **1.30-2.30** Falco~ Crest **6.00-6.30** Calendar **12.00** The Twilight Zone **12.30am** Film: Holocaust 2000 **2.25** Night Gallery **2.30** WKRP in Cincinnati **3.00** Music Box **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Countdown **12.30pm** Business Daily **1.00** Open College **2.00** Rowing: The Leyland DAF Power Sprint **3.00** Old Country **3.30** Mister Ed **4.00** Adventure in Letterland **4.15** Ffalabalam **4.30** Bilidowcar **5.00** Abracadabra **5.30** Ark on the Move **6.00** Equinox **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Y Filltir Sgwar **8.00** Hel Straeon **8.30** Al*manac*; News headlines **9.10** Film: Bitter Harvest **11.00** Week in Politics **11.30** Irakere **12.35am** The Return of Ruben Blades **2.10** Close.

RTE 1 Starts: **4.00pm** News *Headlines and Weather* followed by Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Bosco **5.00** European Folk Tales **5.15** The Real Ghostbusters **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.30** Cartoons **6.35** *Our House* **7.30** Hannay **8.30** On Your Own **9.00** News **9.30** The Entertainers **10.00** Reflections **11.50** News **11.55** Close.

RTE 2 Starts: **5.25pm** Out of Town **6.05** 9 to 5 **6.35** A Country Practice **7.00** ALF **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** European Football Championship **9.05** Cineclub **10.50** Newsnight **11.10** Kellogg's Cycling **12.10am** Nightlight **12.15** Close.

Robert Kee investigates the position of the church and state in Hungary (Next Time . . . Always Next Time: C4,9.00pm)

Marx, Lenin and the good book

TELEVISION CHOICE

● As the Russians celebrate their Christian millennium, Robert Kee takes a timely look at how another Communist state has come to terms with religion in Next Time . . . Always Next Time (*Channel 4, 9.00pm*). The country is Hungary and on the face of it the degree of religious tolerance is astonishing for a regime wedded to the tenets of Marx and Lenin. Not only does the constitituion guarantee freedom of worship but the Bible is on sale at Communist bookshops and the government even allows Dr Billy Graham to tell the Hungarian people that Marxism-Leninism may not be enough to save their souls. At the root of this apparent ambiguity, Kee suggests, is a *typically Hungarian* compromise. With religion so deep rooted that 80 per cent of the population professes at least nominal Christianity, the state has taken the pragmatic view that it is better to accommodate such feelings than suppress them. Furthermore, the regime has come to see the churches as useful allies in tackling the nation's social problems, delinquency, alcoholism, drugs and so on. Does this mean, Kee pointedly asks *the Minister for* Church Affairs, that Marxism has failed? No, says the minister, it is a question of recognising realities. For their part, the churches tread warily, knowing that the state *still* has ultimate control over their activities. Meanwhile the small number of church schools *remains* a bone of contention, as does the refusal of the state to allow conscientious objectors. A genial old Roman Catholic, Bishop Cserhati, complains that when such issues are raised, the official *line* is "next time . . . always next time". But prevarication would seem *preferable* to persecution.

Peter Waymark

Out in the Open

RADIO CHOICE

● Sir Peter Hall makes total sense when he says in **Oratory** (Radio 4, 8.45pm) that when it comes to the difficulties that rhetoric finds itself in these days, TV has a lot to answer for. *The box, he argues,* does not like rhetoric; it likes pictures. Not having to trouble its head about pictures, **Look Here, Old Son** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) is a glorious affirmation of radio's ability to accommodate the rhetorical in a way that is indistiguishable from that of the theatre. And, because it is Freddie Jones, an actor specialising in theatrical flour*ishes who impersonates* Robert Atkins (himself a walking compendium of rhetorical effects), *Look Here, Old Son* remarkably illustrates two aspects of theatrical oratory that have given it both a good name and a bad one. On the credit side is its ability to sway the mind of the audience. On *the debit side is the suspicion* of insincerity it trails. As for the latter, there have been *hints of it in previous* editions of *Oratory* which dealt memorably with the tricks of the politician's trade. *Look Here, Old Son,* a monologue, has Atkins reflecting on his life and work while preparing for another bout of Shakespeare at his beloved Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park. Here is grandiloquence on an epic scale, worthy of Vincent Crummles and Donald Wolfit.

Freddie Jones plays actor Robert Atkins (R4, 3pm)

Peter Davalle

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm,** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Johnnie Walker **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.00** Liz Kershaw **10.00-12.00** John Peel **VHF** Radios 1 and 2 **4.00am** As Radio 2 **6.05pm** John Dunn (continued) **7.00** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 **8.30** As *Radio 2* **10.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.5** John Dunn **6.05** Cricket **7.30** Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 (continued from VHF) **8.30** Yer Roots are Showing **9.00** Listen *to the Band with Roy Newsome* **10.00** Fletcher's Friends **10.15** The Houghton Weavers **10.30** Hubert Gregg says *Thanks for the Memory* **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Charles Nove presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A *Little Night Music*

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Development '88 **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Preview **8.30** Brain of Britain '88 ***9.00*** *News* ***9.09*** *Review of the British Press* **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Folk in Britain **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** His Wife **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Irving Berlin Among Friends **12.25** The Farming World **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** *Development '88* **2.00** *Outlook opening* with World News **2.45** Report on Religion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Politics of Laughter **3.30** King Street Junior **4.00** News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.39** Stock Market Report **7.45** Good Books **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours ***8.30*** *Assignment* **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Counterpoint **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** World News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Presentation Programme **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Write On... **11.30** Multitrack 2 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** *King Street Junior* **1.00** *News Summary* **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Waveguide **1.45** Society Today **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morganmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News and 24Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

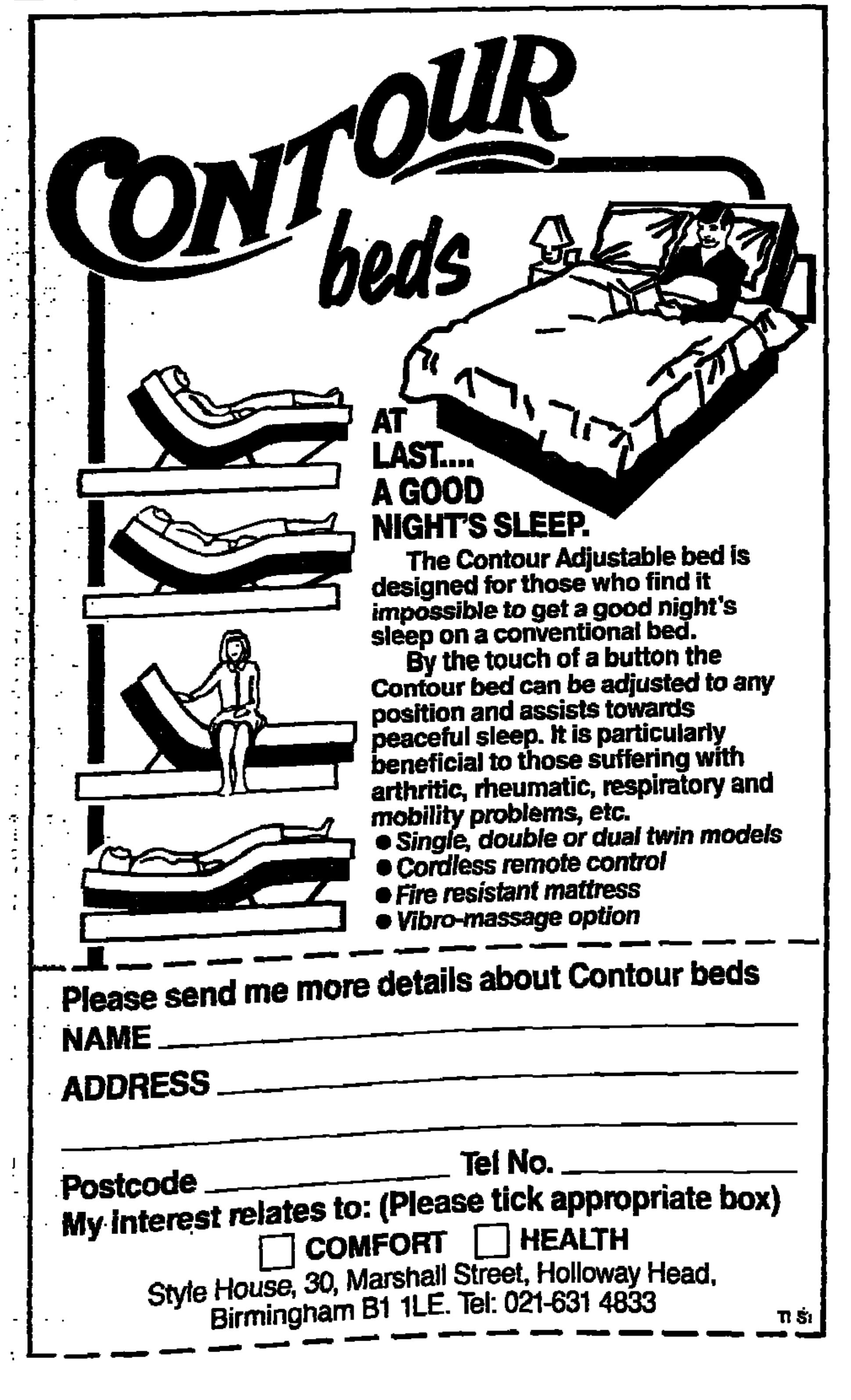
6.55 Weather, News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: *Mendelssohn (Symphony* No 10 in B minor for Strings: IMusici); Harty (Three pieces: Sarah Francis, oboe and Peter Dickinson, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Mussorgsky (Scherzo in B flat: LSO under *Claudio* Abbado); Finzi (Cello Concerto: RPO under Vernon Handley with *Raphael Wallfisch*); Saint-Saëns (Symphonic poem — Phaéton: Philharmonia Orchestra under Charles Dutoit
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Telemann. The Last Decade (Der Tag des Gerichts, excerpt): Hamburg Monteverdi Choir and Vienna Concentus Musicus under Nikolaus Harnoncourt *with boy soloists from the* Vienna Boys' choir (Kurt Equiluz, tenor and Max Van Egmond, bass); Aria (Da geht er hin für uns zu bluten – St Marks Passion: Munich Pro Arte Orchestra under Kurt Redel with Agnes Giebel, soprano; Das befreite Israel: BBC singers under Simon Jolly with Gillian Fisher (soprano), Ameral Gunson, (mezzo-soprano), Martyn Hill (tenor), Stephen Roberts and Richard Jackson (basses)
9.35 Mozart and Coriglian: Erich Gruenberg (violin) and John MacCabe (piano) perform Mozart (Sonata in F, k 376) and John Corigliano (Sonata)
10.15 Beethoven and Korngold: Beethoven (String Quartet in F, Op14) and Korngold (String Quartet No 1 in A, Op 16) by Chilingirian String Quartet with Levon Chilingirian (violin), Mark Butler (violin) and Csaba Erdelyi (viola) (r)
11.00 Midweek Choice: Tippett (Piano Concerto: Philharmonia under Colin Davis with John Ogden); *Giménez* (Romanza from La Tempranica: ECO under Enrique Garcia Ascensio with Teresa Berganza, *soprano*); *Rebecca Clark* (Two pieces, 1930: Patricia McCarthy, viola and Martha Babcock, cello); *Rachmaninov (Vespers, Op* 37: Chamber Choir of USSR Ministry of Culture under Valeri Polianski with Irina *Arkhipova (mezzo-soprano)* and Victor Roumianev (tenor)
1.00 News
1.05 Concert Hall: The Gainsborough Trio with Eric Shumsky (viola) perform Schubert (Adagio and Rondo Concertante in F) and Dvorak (Piano Quartet No 2 in E flat)
2.00 Record Review: Includes a comparison of versions of Johann Strauss's *Die Fledermaus (r)*
3.10 Vintage Years: Villa-Lobos conducts his Bachianas Brasileiras (No 9 for strings; No 5 for soprano and eight cellos; No 2 for orchestra) by French National Radio Orchestra with Victoria de los Angeles (soprano)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from Liverpool Cathedral
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: Presented by Lyndon *Jenkins*
6.25 Music for Guitar: Maria-Isabel Siewers plays Carlos Guastavino (Sonata No 1); *Maximo Pujol* (Preludio triston; Candombe en mi) and Ginastera (Sonata Op 47).
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Professor John Griffith and Professor Ken Minogue consider the role of universities in respect of the Government's education bill
7.30 Seventeen Variations: Jean-Michel Damase (for wind quintet) by the Albion Ensemble
7.45 Dvorak Symphonies: Symphony No 1 (The Bells of *Zlonice: Ulster Orchestra* under Bryden Thomas).
8.45 20th-Century Russian Piano Music: Martin Jones plays Shostakovich (Ten Aphorisms, Op 13); Prokofiev (Divertissement, Op 43b) and Myaskovsky (Sonata No 2, Op 13)
9.30 In Search of the Millennium: Dr Simon Franklin examines the origins of Christianity in Russia to coincide with the celebration of 1,000 years of Christianity in the Soviet Union. He talks to churchmen and historians from Moscow, Leningrad, Poland, the United States and Western Europe (First of two documentaries)
10.15 Glinka Kapella Choir of Leningrad: celebrate 1,000 years of Russian Orthodox chant. Anthems by Bortnyansky, Glinka, Tchaikovsky and *Rachmaninov (r)*
11.00 Composers of the Week: Stravinsky (Eight Instrumental Miniatures for *15 players*) and Apollo (Violin Concerto in D) (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather ***6.10*** *Farming Today* **6.25** Prayer for the Day
6.30 **Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek: Ronald Eyre's guests include Ken *Livingstone and Brian Cox* (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time: From Hatch *Beauchamp* and District Horticultural Society in Somerset
10.30 Morning Story: Touch Wood by Phillip Hill
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel: Pillars of Society (new series): Sir Roy Strong traces the *history of the National Trust* from its Victorian origins to its present respectability, and investigates how it is *facing* up to the challenges of the late Eighties
11.47 Enquire Within (new series): Dilly Barlow attempts to answer listeners' questions with the help of the BBC Reference Library
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25 Raffles: Six stories by E.W. Hornung, dramatised by David Buck. (2) The Criminologists' Club (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Womans Hour: Includes an interview with Barbara Taylor Bradford; a report on the treatment of medical stories by the media and an item on handgliding
3.00 News: Look Here, Old Son: Play by Royce Ryton, based *on the story of the opening* of the Regent's Park OpenAir Theatre (s) (See Choice)
3.47 *Time for Verse: George* MacBeth talks to Jeni Couzyn about her life and poetry
4.00 News
4.05 File on 4: David Levy reports on corruption in American politics (r)
4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra: *Michael* Oliver visits the set of a new film *The Witches,* based on Roald Dahl's best-selling children's story
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** News: *Financial Report*
6.30 Quote . . . Unquote (new series): Return of the popular quiz hosted by Nigel Rees (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite and his team of *investigators pursue your* complaints
7.45 Saturday-Night Fry: Stephen Fry, Hugh Laurie, Jim *Broadbent and Emma* Thompson, plus special guest Phyllida Law, in the zany comedy show (r) (s)
8.15 Medicine Now: Includes advice for nurses dealing with cancer victims (r)
8.45 Oratory: Melvyn Bragg examines the state of the art of public speaking in Britain. Ian McKellen, Dame Judi Dench, Howard Brenton and Sir Peter Hall *talk about what* contemporary oratory offers to directors, actors and dramatists (3 of 5) (r) (See Choice)
9.15 Latin Americans: Eight portraits of Latin America. (3) Estrada, a village on Costa Rica's Atlantic coast faces social change after an influx of white, Catholic Spanish-speakers leaves the original black, English-speaking Anglicans increasingly isolated (s)
9.45 Kaleidoscope; Includes an interview with Germaine Greer talking about editing *Kissing the Rod: Anthology of 17th Century Women's Verse* and a review of *Aristocrats* by Jim Hiley.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Riceyman Steps by Arnold Bennett (8 of 15) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Songs on Wheels **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop **11.40** Tap Dance Club **11.50** Poetry Corner **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** WPFM **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University: **11.30** Marxism *and Art* **11.50** *Lord Briggs on* Victoria Culture **12.10am** Music Interlude **12.30-1.10** Schools Night-Time. Voix de France-French VI

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m.



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Longer prison term for murders

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guarantee inconsistency and uncertainty in the imposition of capital punishment.

The chamber was crowded for the start of a debate on an amendment calling for the death penalty to be the maximum sentence for murder and giving juries, for the first time, the power to recommend that capital punishment be imposed.

MPs listened silently as Mr Roger Gale, whose amendment is supported by 80 fellow Conservative MPs, said he had never supported the ritual of hanging which he believed was "medieval and barbaric".

He added: "I don't believe there is any nice way to take the life of another human being, but I believe there are available more humane ways if it is necessary than simply stringing people up."

Mr Gale said the police and security guards would no longer be able to face the kind of duty that the public wished them to carry out in safety, unless capital punishment was on the statute book as an ultimate deterrent. If MPs did not vote for its return, Mr Gale predicted that, by implication, they were voting for the introduction of a fully-armed police force.

But Mr Hurd warned that the reintroduction of the death penalty would effectively mark the return of not private but public executions as the power of the media would mean a "searchlight of publicity" beating upon the condemned man in the weeks before an execution.

The Home Secretary said the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, considered the amendment "unworkable", and was opposed to the idea of judges being given a role in deciding which murders should be punished by death.

He rejected the view that the death penalty would act as a significant deterrent to terrorism and said he was supported in this argument by Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Sir John Hermon, the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Mr Hurd added that it would be bizarre if, at the same time as the Government was attempting to toughen laws by making it easier to get at funds on which terrorists relied, MPs voted to restore the death penalty which would, in his view, lead to an increase in the flow of money and guns to terrorist organizations.

He said that though murder was rightly a cause of public anger and concern, it represented little more than a tenth of 1 per cent of all recorded crime. "One of the dangers of this argument about capital punishment is that it may deflect our attention and our energies from the real issue of how to check and reverse the general rise in violent crime which has continued since the mid-1950s," he added.

Digging up a 200 year old garden

Mr Brian Dix, excavation director at Kirby Hall in Northamptonshire, who is trying to uncover the original garden layout. (Photograph: John Manning)

By Alan Hamilton

What was once regarded as among the finest and most admired gardens in Stuart England is being restored to its former glory as a unique showpiece of the style that prevailed in the late seventeenth century.

Archaeologists from English Heritage are gradually uncovering the original layout of the huge formal garden at Kirby Hall, near Corby in Northamptonshire, a magnificent and now largely derelict Jacobean mansion much visited by James I, and owned for most of its life by the Hatton family, who gave their name to Hatton Garden in London.

Originally laid out in the 1640s on an Italian pattern, and remodelled in the 1680s in the French vogue, Kirby Hall's borders were filled with rare hyacinths from Peru, passion flowers and orange trees, lychee, peach, apricot and pomegranate from China.

Today the garden is laid largely to grass and yew hedges, the result of a poor 1930 attempt at restoration.

The project could take ten years or more. "When it is finally restored, Kirby Hall could take its place again among the finest gardens in England", Mr Brian Dix, the excavation director, said yesterday. Since last year his team have been carefully lifting the modern turf and its underlying soil to find traces of the original layout of paths and borders which, in the 1680s, sought to give the impression of an intricate embroidery.

Mrs Elizabeth Banks, a landscape architect and garden historian who will supervise the eventual replanting, is scouring Kew and other botanic gardens for historically correct varieties. "The most difficult to find will be the 17th century varieties of fruit trees, which were the products of early hybridization and which no longer exist", she said yesterday.

Mrs Banks intends to plant Stuart vegetables among the trees and flowers. "We may have to search in the wild for the early varieties of cabbage and suchlike; modern varieties sometimes bear very little relation to the vegetables they grew in the 17th century."

Charles Hatton, a descendant of Elizabeth I's chancellor, Sir Christopher Hatton, who with his brother stocked the garden with rare plants from Turkey, North America, the West Indies and the Far East, was one of the outstanding gardeners of his day, enthused with all the latest ideas.

According to Mrs Banks, the restored garden at Kirby Hall will be like no other in England.

Civil court reform

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like to see what the public feel about it, because the courts are for the public: they are intended to be a central part of our system of civilisation and I don't believe that the courts are the sole preserve of those who work in them", he said.

Consumer groups criticized the likely delay in implementation. Mr Robin Simpson, of the National Consumer Council, said: "We welcome this report and are not prepared to see it fall by the wayside".

He said the Royal Commission on Legal Services in 1979 had urged such a review. "Now we hear it could be two or three years before legislation. Yet every day consumers are suffering the delays and complexities of the court system."

Mr David Tench, legal officer of the Consumers' Association, said there was no reason why some of the reforms could not be acted on at once. In particular, the limit for claims under the small claims courts could be doubled to £1,000.

The Lord Chancellor rejected any suggestion that judges would not like the proposal that their long vacation be cut by half. This would give them more flexibility than now to take their holiday, he said.

He also rejected the idea that the proposals would diminish the work of the Bar. Making the courts more efficient could bring in more cases and more work, he said.

Mr Robert Johnson, QC, chairman of the Bar, said that on balance he welcomed the proposals but questioned whether such a big transfer of work, amounting to 70 per cent of general list cases in the Queen's bench division, to the county court was in the best interests of the public.

He said proposals for an upper tier of circuit judges to take the weightier cases, which he endorsed, might be opposed by some judges as "divisive". However, it would help recruitment to the circuit bench.

Mr Johnson also questioned the proposals for lawyers to publicize their hourly rates. Litigation solicitors already gave estimates of costs. In the case of barristers, an hourly rate was not helpful as the cost depended on the experience of the person doing the work.

Low level talks on Iran

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Office is fielding officials at only first secretary level for today's talks with an Iranian delegation on Britain's offer to compensate Tehran for damage to its embassy in London.

The low level of the talks, which will be held in a building near Trafalgar Square and are expected to last two days, is seen in Whitehall as proof that they have nothing to do with hostages. The Government is anxious that no expectations should be raised that the three British hostages in Beirut might soon be free.

According to sources, the Iranian delegation will consist of technical and legal experts. They were named yesterday as Mr Shirmo Hammadi, head of the legal department at the Iranian Foreign Ministry, a Mr Latifi, described as the ministry's desk officer on Britain, a Mr Aqaei, an estates expert, and a Mr Agha Razi, from the legal department.

The sources said not one was considered to be a senior official with a role beyond the immediate business of reaching a deal on compensation.

The British team will consist of Mr Timothy Simmons, a first secretary in the Foreign Office Middle East department, Mrs Joan Link of the Protocol department and a third person, not yet named, from the Overseas Estates department.

Britain has offered to pay £1.8 million for damage caused by the SAS when it stormed the embassy in 1980 to free hostages, and a further £200,000 to Westminster City Council for work to make the building safe. It has also asked for £900,000 compensation for damage to the British Embassy and British Council in Iran.

Mr Gerald Howarth, Conservative MP for Cannock and Burntwood, said yesterday that Tehran should not be seeking compensation for an incident in which the SAS saved Iranian lives.

"The Foreign Office should bargain a lot more toughly," he said. "The embassy was damaged because of the brave action of the SAS in rescuing Iran citizens."

●PARIS — France and Iran are continuing talks on resuming their diplomatic relations, a Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed here yesterday.

Beirut — Hezbollah, the pro-Iranian fundamentalist group, has released three Lebanese Christian hostages, including two Middle East Airlines employees, concurring sources reported here yesterday (AFP reports). They were freed on Monday after nearly 11 months of captivity, an airline official said.

The two were abducted on 16 July last year in the Shia southern suburbs of Beirut, while on their way from Beirut airport to Christian-controlled east Beirut. The third hostage had been held for three years.

Moscow hit by heatwave

Moscow (AFP) — Moscow, a city more usually identified with snowstorms and fur hats, is enjoying a record heatwave.

The temperature reached 33C (91F), the highest in June since records began in 1879,

Commons sketch

Full house for the ultimate detergent

After a 10 day break, Members resumed their seats, some brown, almost all, as usual, browned off. As a reward, they had been granted a debate on Capital Punishment to ease them into the new term. It was to start at five-ish, but some of them could not wait until then. No, after ten days' purgatorial abstinence, they could not wait another minute before losing their tempers.

First, Mr Fowler lost his with Ms Short. She was "typically and absolutely wrong" about something or other. Seconds later, a Labour backbencher lost his with those who enjoyed a cigarette while working.

It seemed likely that if everyone could get so worked up about a quiet puff or two on the factory floor, the promise of a full debate on the Death Penalty would most certainly end in tears, probably in prosecutions, and perhaps even in the need to implement its own new rulings. Cold-hearted observers, who appreciate the purple faces and flying fists of everyday constructive debate in the Chamber, smiled keenly in anticipation. Only an hour to go.

Mr Kinnock lost his temper with Mrs Thatcher, who in turn lost hers ("he hasn't listened to what I said") with him. Mr Eric Heffer was called to speak. Mr Heffer is one of those Members who seems to lose his temper even as he speaks. His questions begin with the pleasantries of one who simply wishes to pass the time of day. "All the people of this country . . ." he began, for he likes to speak for everybody, ". . . were absolutely delighted by the atmosphere in Moscow." But somehow the very act of speaking in Parliament causes Mr Heffer to grow angry, so that by the end of his sentence he is always saying something a trifle uncalled for ". . . nauseated by her attitude to. . . double standards in relation to . . ." In a way, Mr Heffer had not so much lost his temper as regained his normal composure.

"Yes, I did say 'thank you' to President Reagan — and it's a great pity he can't do the same!" screeched the Prime Minister, growing ratty. Mr Heffer glared back at her with a fresh load of contempt, each of the pearls on her necklace symbolising for him a bagful of nuclear weaponry, a company privatised, a meal snatched from the mouth of a toddler in arms.

And so it went on, with everyone as angry as can be, their 10-day scouting holidays seeming to have provided no fresh fuel for their angsts. Mr Skinner was cross with "the gnomes of Zurich", Mr Cryer with "this grubby government", Mr Dalyell with ministerial deceptions and Mr Benn with everyone, everywhere. Temper! Temper! With their recent abandonment of all-in wrestling, things were looking good for the television companies. And then — tarantara! — Capital Punishment at last put its head around the door. The ghouls in the gallery took out their knitting in blissful anticipation.

Oh, dear. Suddenly, everyone seemed to beam at each other, haloes of reasonableness circling above their heads. No matter how much the ghouls in the gallery wished those haloes to fall a foot or two, thus encircling a few necks, they were disappointed. The Proposer was Mr Roger Gale, who, in an earlier life, had been the Producer of BBC/TV's Blue Peter, and whose annoyingly calm, Aran jersey-manner owed much to a close study of Mr John Noakes. To be served Blue Peter when a Video Nasty is promised is a most terrible thing, a crime no decent ghouls can tolerate.

Mr Gale spoke of conscience and morality and the possibility of error and "a time and a place for each Member of this House to exercise his, or her, personal judgement." Should he ever lose his seat, he might consider playing the role of St Thomas More in *A Man for All Seasons*, or, like so many of those once associated with Blue Peter, he might be suited to the selling of soap-powders, with the Ultimate Detergent taking the place of the Ultimate Deterrent.

Mr Hurd, in reply, was every bit as hopelessly reasonable, quoting statistic after statistic, arriving at "no clear conclusion" and inviting the House to do likewise. Mr Gale had earlier suggested that hanging might be a little inhumane, preferring something a little more discreet. Perhaps he and Mr Hurd might consider nipping along to the Condemned Cell and humanely boring the poor offender to death.

Craig Brown

Red Cross quits Ethiopia

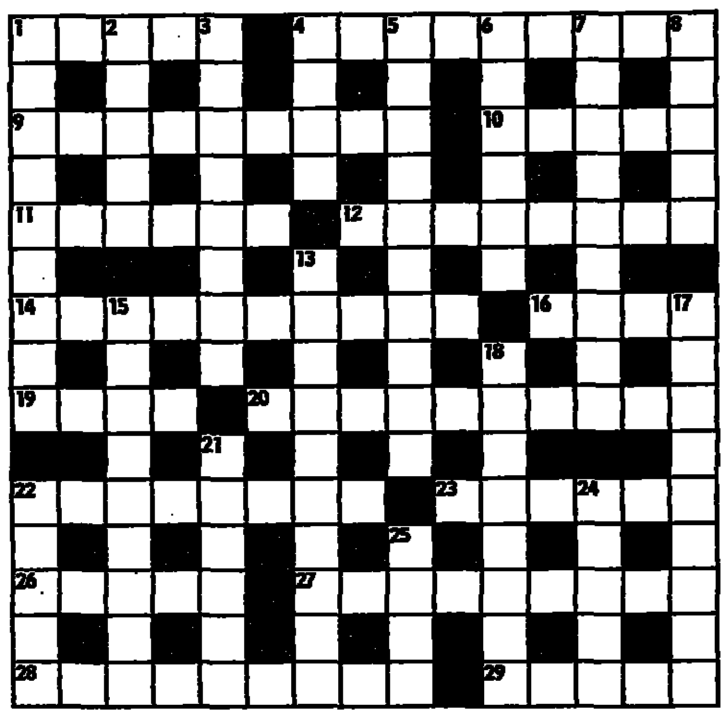
Geneva (AP) — The International Committee of the Red Cross will no longer seek to continue relief efforts in war-torn northern Ethiopia and will give up drought-relief supplies it holds in the region.

A statement yesterday said the agency has asked donor governments to transfer its food stocks and vehicles in the provinces of Eritrea and Tigre to other relief organizations.

Ethiopia's Marxist Government had demanded for weeks that the all-Swiss International Committee give it contol over the supplies. In April, the Government, citing security reasons, ordered about 60 foreign relief workers to leave the two provinces.

The expulsion order had made the Red Cross action "inevitable", the statement said. It termed the suspension of activities regrettable and spoke of possible "grave humanitarian consequences".

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,690



ACROSS

1 Part Belloc used to play in this place (5).
4 Bottoms as seen in night club entertainment (5,4).
9 Cracking the French Barmaid mystery (9).
10 Walrus is further round the bend (5).
11 Sturdy flower, first of the year (6).
12 Prior and clergyman in religious surroundings (8).
14 Big trouble about angry writer (5,5).
16 Dance circle lost member (4).
19 There may be a charge for these fish (4).
20 Stress — a point with worn foundations (10).
22 Mere existence? (4-4).
23 What you'd expect of a chimp — a moped crash (6).
26 Celebrated without wife, and got suspended! (5).
27 Badly cut, perhaps, when chasing a thug (5-4).
28 Playfellows square the law (9).
29 Pique shown by a novice? That's a bit of a bloomer (5).

DOWN

1 A lot take an accent to be something attractive (9).
2 Turned up with duck in relief — it's carved (5).
3 The batsmen out (8).
4 Watch pockets — cheats appearing (4).
5 Bowling dominated and made ineffective (1).
6 A form of transport (6).
7 How Winnie might be described educationally (9).
8 Considers small points (5).
13 It is played in panto — that is, for funny parts (10).
15 Left the close wearing woman's head-dress with a marigold (9).
17 Having two names gives Mark no new alibi, unfortunately (9).
18 Police dance — just the place for ready-mades (4-4).
21 Engagement is in a mess (6).
22 Beat with stick (5).
24 Spoke at length — for many, a heavy blow (5).
25 Elephantine frenzy from new wine (4).

Concise crossword, page 22

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 7 per cent of the competitors at the 1988 Birmingham regional final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship.

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

FYRDUNG
a. An army
b. Ox manure
c. A hot-stone oven

TENTIGINOUS
a. Dwelling in camps
b. Indecisive
c. Sensuous or lascivious

CEMENT MIXER
a. A Canadian school of architecture
b. A computer key
c. A rousing dance

MUSSITATION
a. The black grape harvest
b. Talking to oneself
c. A mass migration of mice

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,689

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G A L A H A D ■ I N C I T E S
A ■ A ■ E ■ I ■ N ■ A ■ E ■ T
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WEATHER

It will be cloudy and wet in most parts of England and Wales. Much of Scotland, Northern Ireland and the north-west of England will be dry with sunny periods. East coastal areas of Scotland will see more cloud with south-east Scotland quite misty at first. Outlook: sunshine and showers. Mainly dry in Scotland. Becoming warm in the south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	19	66	f	Malta	25	77	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Melb'rne	12	54	r
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Miami*	30	86	f
Athens	26	79	s	Milan	15	59	f
Barbads*	30	86	f	Montreal*	20	68	f
Barcelna	15	59	c	Moscow	32	90	f
Berlin	16	61	c	Nairobi	22	72	c
Bermuda*	27	81	f	Naples	22	72	f
Borde'x	19	66	f	N Delhi	37	99	s
Brussels	14	57	c	N York*	26	79	s
B Aires*	17	63	s	Oslo	22	72	c
Cairo	33	91	s	Paris	15	59	f
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Peking	18	64	r
C'blanca	21	70	f	Perth	15	59	r
Ch'church	22	72	s	Reykjvik	9	48	c
C'phagn	21	70	f	Rhodes	24	75	s
Corfu	25	77	s	Rome	20	68	f
Dublin	12	54	r	Salzburg	11	52	r
Faro	23	73	s	S F'risco*	14	57	c
Florence	16	61	r	S Paulo*	19	66	s
Frankfurt	14	57	c	Seoul	28	82	s
Geneva	16	61	f	Sing'por	31	88	f
Gibraltar	22	72	s	St'kholm	18	64	f
Helsinki	28	82	f	Strasb'rg	13	55	c
Hong K	30	86	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Innsbrck	13	55	f	Tangier	22	72	f
Istanbul	26	79	s	Tel aviv	27	81	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Tenerife	23	73	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	s	Tokyo	29	84	s
L Palmas	22	72	f	Toronto*	25	77	s
Le Tquet	14	57	c	Tunis	23	73	f
Lisbon	22	72	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	r
Locarno	15	59	c	Venice	17	63	t
L Angels*	17	63	f	Vienna	19	66	f
Luxembg	11	52	c	Wash'ton*	31	88	f
Madrid	22	72	s	Wel'ntön	15	59	d
Majorca	18	64	f	Zurich	12	54	c

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.58	6.4	9.09	6.3
Aberdeen	8.30	3.7	9.33	3.5
Avonmouth	1.57	11.4	2.28	11.1
Belfast	6.02	3.3	6.58	3.0
Cardiff	1.42	10.6	2.13	10.4
Devonport	12.30	4.9	1.15	4.6
Dover	6.20	5.7	6.40	5.8
Falmouth	-	-	12.45	4.4
Glasgow	7.12	4.5	8.12	4.0
Harwich	6.49	3.5	6.58	3.4
Holyhead	5.24	5.0	6.19	4.8
Hull	1.21	6.3	1.19	6.5
Ilfracombe	12.50	7.9	1.21	7.5
Leith	9.45	4.9	10.36	4.9
Liverpool	6.15	8.3	6.58	7.9
Lowestoft	5.03	2.1	4.21	2.2
Margate	7.14	4.2	7.18	4.3
Milford Haven	1.05	6.0	1.41	5.7
Newquay	12.04	6.1	12.41	5.7
Oban	1.12	3.3	1.29	2.9
Penzance	-	-	12.34	4.6
Portland	1.19	1.7	2.11	1.4
Portsmouth	6.27	3.9	7.21	4.2
Shoreham	6.15	5.2	6.58	5.5
Southampton	6.02	3.9	6.53	4.2
Swansea	1.12	7.9	1.46	7.6
Tees	10.53	4.6	11.58	4.5
W'ton-on-Nze	6.49	3.7	7.00	3.6

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are BST

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	15.8	-	14	57	sunny
Cromer	*	-	14	57	sunny
Clacton	9.0	-	14	57	sunny
Margate	12.0	-	15	59	sunny
Hastings	11.9	-	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	10.1	-	14	57	sunny
Brighton	4.2	-	15	59	bright
Southsea	1.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Sandown	2.1	-	16	61	bright
Bournemth	4.7	-	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	9.3	-	16	61	sunny
Teignmouth	9.4	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	8.3	-	16	61	sunny
Penzance	5.2	-	15	59	bright
Scilly Isles	5.3	-	14	57	bright
Newquay	6.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Minehead	7.0	-	15	59	bright
Morecambe	9.3	-	16	61	sunny
Carlisle	9.7	-	17	63	sunny
Nottingham	7.9	-	18	64	bright
Anglesey	4.3	-	16	61	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	4.9	-	16	61	cloudy
Aberdeen	13.3	-	16	61	sunny
Aviemore	1.0	-	17	63	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	8.9	-	15	59	bright
Lerwick	12.9	-	13	55	sunny
Prestwick	3.1	-	16	61	rain
Stornoway	0.3	.15	13	55	dull
Tiree	-	.22	12	54	drizzle
Wick	13.2	-	14	57	sunny

* Denotes figures not available
These are Monday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.36	2.23
Austria Sch	22.75	21.55
Belgium Fr	67.65	64.25
Canada $	2.325	2.205
Denmark Kr	12.25	11.65
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.88	10.33
Germany Dm	3.217	3.057
Greece Dr	255	240
Hong Kong $	14.65	13.90
Ireland Pt	1.205	1.145
Italy Lira	2380	2270
Japan Yen	238	226
Netherlands Gld	3.60	3.43
Norway Kr	11.79	11.19
Portugal Esc	262	249
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	211.5	200.5
Sweden Kr	11.25	10.70
Switzerland Fr	2.68	2.55
USA $	1.89	1.80
Yugoslavia Dnr	4000	3000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 105.8 (April)

London: The *FT* index closed down 7.7 at 1445.1.

POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 104 (very high) Forecast for today, similar For today's recording call British Telecom's Weatherline: 01-246 8091, which is updated each day at 10.30 am.

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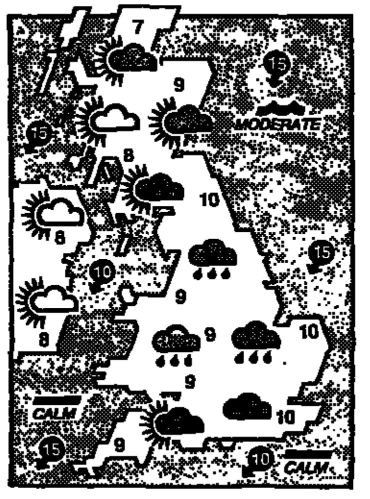

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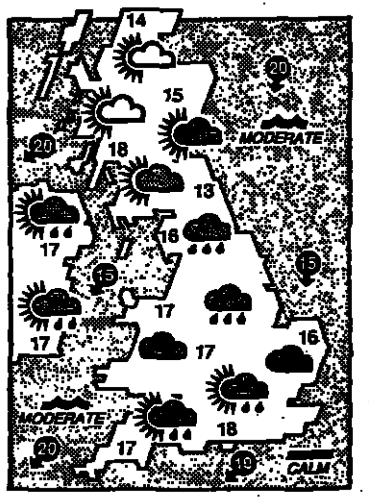


LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F) Humidity: 6 pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 6.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1017.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 19C (66F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 9.4 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	r	Guernsey	14	57	f
B'rmghm	16	61	f	Inverness	16	61	c
Blackpool	19	66	s	Jersey	14	57	c
Bristol	17	63	f	London	17	63	f
Cardiff	18	64	s	M'nchster	17	63	f
Edinburgh	14	57	s	Newcastle	13	55	f
Glasgow	17	63	c	R'nldsway	15	59	s

LIGHTING-UP TIME

Sun rises: 4.45 am
Sun sets: 9.15 pm
Moon rises 1.46 am
Moon sets 2.23 pm
New Moon June 14

London 9.45 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 9.55 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.25 pm to 3.58 am
Manchester 10.05 pm to 4.11 am
Penzance 10.00 pm to 4.43 am

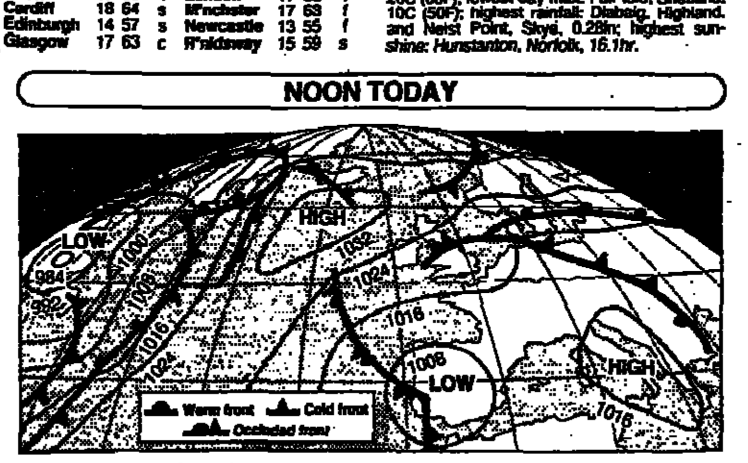
TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 11.30am, 4pm, 6pm, 8.30pm, 10.15pm and 11pm

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Kinloss, Grampian, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Diabaig, Highland, and Neist Point, Skye, 0.28in; highest sunshine: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 16.1hr.

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1445.1 (-7.7)	US dollar 1.8105 (+0.0075)
FT-SE 100 1820.2 (-12.5)	W German mark 3.1059 (+0.0111)
USM (Datastream) 157.34 (+0.34)	Trade-weighted 76.5 (+0.2)

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Recovery claim by Oxford

Oxford Instruments Group, which signalled at the interim stage that it was experiencing a difficult year, believes its fortunes are now on the mend.

The group reported pretax profits for the year ended *March 27 of £11.19 million* compared with £19.7 million a year earlier.

Sir Austin Pearce, the chairman, says that after a poor first half there was a significant recovery in the second six months.

The final dividend of 1.8p a share makes 2.7p for the year compared with 2.4p previously. The shares rose 13p to 217p.

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Mining buy

Western Mining, the Australian mining group, has through its US mining arm paid $29.75 million (£16.4 million) for an additional 35 per cent interest in the Hog Ranch gold project in Nevada for 100 per cent control.

Bond move

Mr Alan Bond, the Australian entrepreneur, has through his private gold mining interests held by Bond International Gold Inc lodged a draft registration statement in the United States ahead of a public offering of shares.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2069.52 (-5.69)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27957.32 (-28.92)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2587.03 (-3.36)
Amsterdam: Gen	249.5 (-2.1)
Sydney: AO	1595.4 (-3.2)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1405.5 (-7.4)
Brussels:	
General	4812.2 (+20.3)
Paris: CAC	338.3 (same)
Zurich: SKA Gen	452.0 (-3.6)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	940.97 (-3.72)
FT.— "500"	1026.55 (-6.04)
FT. Gold Mines	236.0 (+1.7)
FT. Fixed interest	98.59 (-0.34)
FT. Govt Secs	89.72 (+0.1)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Zetters Leisure	159½p (+39p)
Arenson	147½p (+32p)
Morgan Grenfell	345p (+42p)
Vibroplant	742½p (+18p)
Schroders	875p (+25p)
Hanover Druce	225p (+25p)
British Land	338½p (+16p)
Hardanger	695p (+35p)
Independent	440p (+25p)
Kleinwort Benson	406½p (+18p)
SG Warburg	345p (+23p)
Abbey Life	310p (+12p)
London & Man	290p (+18p)
Hall Eng	405p (+20p)
Chapman	282½p (+20p)
FALLS:	
Redfearn	457½p (-25p)
Glaxo	917½p (-16p)
GKN	307½p (-10p)
Cadbury	398½p (-10p)
ECC	435½p (-10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	25739

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank 8¾-8$\frac{11}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 8¾-8¾%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7$\frac{15}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.45-6.44%*
30-year bonds 100$\frac{3}{32}$-100%*

CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
£: $1.8105	£: $1.8112*
£: DM3.1059	$: DM1.7152*
£: SwFr2.5872	$: SwFr1.4290*
£: FFr10.4918	$: FFr5.7937*
£: Yen227.67	$: Yen125.72*
£: Index:76.5	$: Index:93.6
ECU £0.667983	*SDR £0.754130*

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $463.40 pm-$464.40
close $463.25-463.75 (£255.50-256.00)
New York:
Comex $463.90-464.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (July) pm $16.40bbl ($16.50)
*** Denotes latest trading price**

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City surprise at move to sell Girobank

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The City reacted with astonishment to the Government's decision *to* offer Girobank, the banking arm of the Post Office, in a private sale to a single financial services *com*pany. A flotation similar to that of the TSB Group in 1986 had been widely expected.

"Who is going to want to buy Girobank?" asked Mr Peter Toeman, banking analyst at Phillips & Drew, the broker.

The expectation is that relatively small banks, seeking to expand their branch networks, would be the most likely bidders.

The Bank of Scotland, which lacks any substantial branch network south of the *border, was mooted as one* possible buyer. Standard Chartered, the international bank which has been looking for a greater retail presence in Britain, was also tipped as a possible bidder. Although Standard is very short of capital, it is planning a £250 *million to £300 million rights* issue this year.

Building societies will be unable to bid unless they are incorporated as full banks. But the Abbey National, which does plan to convert to company status, denied it was interested in Girobank.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Trade and Industry, said foreign bidders would not be ruled out. There was also speculation that Citicorp, *which has had only* limited success in building up its own retail branch network in Britain, might increase it through acquisition. It would also have no trouble obtaining Bank of England approval.

The big English clearing banks are being discouraged from bidding. Mr Clarke said it would not further competition in the banking industry if one were to buy Girobank.

Girobank, which produced *pretax profits of £23 million* last year, is widely expected to sell for about £200 million.

Mr Clarke defended the Government's decision to sell the bank by private offer on *the grounds that it could not* have stood alone in the stock market if it had been floated.

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To strengthen its position it would have needed a large injection of capital which the Government and Post Office were not willing to make.

The Government had re*jected the possibility of a* flotation, including a golden share, which would give it overall control. It would also be vulnerable to takeover without the management having any control over the bid terms. With the private offer method, Girobank could pick the most appropriate owner.

Mr Malcolm Williamson, chairman of Girobank, would not say how much extra capital he thought the bank needed. *He said he hoped to* double the size of the bank's loan book in the next five years, but could increase it by even more if Girobank were given a generous capital injection.

He added that the sell-off would free Girobank from existing restraints under Post Office ownership, such as not being able to offer insurance products.

Girobank began life in 1968 as a basic money transmission service. The idea is that money flowing in and out of post office branches would be efficiently re-allocated and paid out again.

The system was useful for retail financial transfers, such as domestic bills and, perhaps *most importantly, social sec*urity benefits. "Getting the Giro" has passed into the language.

Unfortunately, as a nationwide public banking system, it flopped. Instead of the millions of users anticipated, Girobank had only 850,000 *customers by 1980.*

Girobank only started to take off in the early 1980s. It began offering extra banking services, such as cheque books and cheque cards and became a founder member of the Link cash-card consortium.

Girobank now boasts more than 2 million personal customers, making it Britain's sixth largest clearing bank.

Business sell-off in shuffle could fetch Norcros £50m

By Cliff Feltham

Norcros, the building products and packaging group, yesterday put the "for sale" sign over a clutch of businesses which could fetch around £50 million.

The sell-offs accompanied a management reorganization at the group, which last year narrowly escaped a £570 million takeover by Williams Holdings.

But the new boardroom *team of* Mr John Redwood, chairman, and Mr Michael Doherty, chief executive — having beaten a profit forecast made at the time of the bid — is continuing to strengthen defences as speculation persists that another predator may be waiting.

Norcros is being split into five main divisions leaving no room for a *rag-bag of busi*nesses collected during its erratic dash for growth. They earned £8.3 million last year on turnover of £100 million.

The companies are the heavy engineering business Butterley, of Keighley, York*shire; Dow-Mac, a reinforced* concrete construction company; Bulk Carriers, a Toronto haulage operation; Darlington & Simpson, steel rolling-mills; and UBM Motors, three Ford dealerships based at Winchester, Exeter and Bristol.

Mr Doherty said: "These are not *distress sales. They are* companies which do not fit in with our five main core businesses." He expected the sales to be completed within a year.

As part of the shake-up, he announced plans to run Norcros with a more "hands on" management style. He *said: "In the past we tended to* act as a banker for the rest of the group. We now want to bring the group more closely together."

Meanwhile, Norcros announced that it had beaten by a wide margin the £62 million *profit forecast made during* the Williams defence — £65.3 million, a rise of 22.8 per cent.

Earnings per share advanced by nearly 18 per cent to 33p and shareholders are being rewarded with a 20 per cent increase in their dividend payout, to 14.4p.

The bid defence costs of £5.3 million were treated as an extraordinary charge, Mr Redwood said.

Mr Terry Simpson, the £109,000-a-year chief executive who left last November after a boardroom row, has been paid £75,000 *compensation.*

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Dollar weakness shrugged off

Metal Box soars to £94m

By Carol Ferguson

Metal Box, the packaging and plastics company planning a name change to MB Group, shrugged off the impact of the weak dollar and yesterday revealed pretax profits up 14.5 per cent last year to £94 million. Sales were up 9 per *cent to £1.2 billion.*

The results were are at the top end of analysts' expectations, but shares closed 5p easier at 205p. Earnings per share rose 10 per cent to 23.4p, and the dividend was increased 1.25p to 7p net.

Mr Murray Stuart, the group chief executive, said Metal Box was now a growth company. "After a few years of plateau, turnover is now rising," he said. Had it not been for the adverse impact of currency, turnover would have been up by 12.5 per cent and eps by 14 per cent.

"The thrust in the 1990s *will be on growth, emphasiz*ing technology, and expanding geographically into the US, Europe, and the Far East", he said.

"We can sustain last year's growth rate from existing businesses, but we can increase it with acquisitions.

He said that in food and beverage packaging, there had been significant investment in new products where Metal Box had still to see the benefit. But he said that growth had been acquisition-led in speciality packaging, central heating and bathrooms, and security printing. Last year's six acquisitions will add £100 million to turnover in a full year.

Dr Brian Smith, Metal Box's chairman, said the workforce had grown for the first time in many years — by 1,600 to 17,000 — as a result of acquisitions and opening new factories.

MEP tells of 'deep resentment' over Rowntree bids

Bitter telling off for Switzerland

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Edward McMillan-Scott, the MEP *for York* fighting to keep Rowntree out of Swiss hands, formally protested to Switzerland yesterday over the takeover bids by the Swiss groups, Nestlé and Jacobs Suchard.

In a letter handed in Brussels to Mr Benedict de Pscharner, the Swiss ambassador to the EEC, he said the bids were "deeply resented" by York people and the vast majority of the British public.

He urged the Swiss government to distance itself from statements by its spokesmen that claim Swiss companies are open to similar bids, and called for swift legislation by the Berne federal parliament to restrict companies from writing rules to proof themselves against foreign bidders.

Mr McMillan-Scott, the national coordinator of the Conservatives' movement to promote the single European market, who has *accused Whitehall* of exposing British firms to unfair competition by failing to prepare properly for the internal market, told Mr Pscharner that there would have been no objection to bids from the EEC for Rowntree.

In addition to the lack of reciprocity on takeovers, Switzerland, he said, had secretive banking laws, restrictive nationalistic labour legislation, and reluctance to participate in international organizations.

The MEP warned Switzerland that, if it wanted open access to the EEC market after 1992, it would have to offer truly reciprocal conditions for Community companies.

The SwFr16.6 billion (£6.43 billion) trade deficit Switzerland recorded with the EEC last year put the Community in a good position to negotiate terms. Mr McMillan-Scott said: "The EEC is in a strong position and intends to remain so."

Mr Willy de Clerq, the EEC Commissioner for External Relations, who will head the Community delegation at EEC talks with the European Free Trade Association at the weekend has adopted an increasingly tough stance on reciprocity, and is expected to demand satisfaction in this area.

In the Commons today, Labour is *seeking to debate Lord Young's decision* not to refer the Nestlé bid for Rowntree and an adjournment debate tackles international reciprocity on mergers.

Rowntree workers called yesterday for a rethink of union policy on competitive takeovers, winning approval for an investigation from delegates at the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' congress at Bournemouth.

The union was also pressed to work with the Labour Party and the TUC to develop a "more positive and constructive" approach to cross-border takeovers.

● Only a handful of Rowntree shareholders have accepted the £2.1 billion bid from Nestlé. The bid won support from holders of 0.03 per cent of shares. The 900.5p offer by Nestlé was left standing by the offer from Jacobs Suchard worth *950p. Nestlé, which is* said to be ready to raise its bid, yesterday extended the current offer until June 20.

Warning over property boom

Mapping property values: Richard Peskin of Great Portland (Photograph: James Morgan)

Asset values soar at Great Portland and British Land

By David Brewerton

Two of Britain's leading property companies, British Land and Great Portland Estates, have produced valuations demonstrating a full-scale boom in property values.

Great Portland, which specializes in property north of London's Oxford Street, shows a 44 per cent increase in *its net asset value per share,* while British Land reports an even greater 47 per cent rise.

The gains follow the revaluation last month at Land Securities, Britain's largest property group, where the net asset value jumped 37 per cent.

Mr Richard Peskin, chairman and managing director of Great Portland, gives warning however, that it will not be possible to repeat the exceptional level of asset growth achieved in the past year.

Mr John Ritblat, chairman of British Land, said: "I do not expect booms to go on for ever. We have had a very long *run, and at some time it has to* even out." The group's gross assets top the £1 billion level.

Both chairmen emphasized, however, that the growth was coming from active management of properties and rental increases, rather than from adjustments of the yield bases on which properties are valued.

*British Land's net assets in*creased by 128p to 399p a share, while earnings a share rose 13 per cent to 17.8p. Pretax profits rose 87 per cent to £56.4 million and the dividend is up 0.5p a share to 4p.

At Great Portland, pretax profits rose from £21.1 million to £24.7 million. Net assets per share are up from 242p to 349p while the dividend rises from 7.3p to 8.1p a share with a final of 5.35p. The company forecasts a year of steady growth.

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Barlow firm is closed in Gibraltar

By Lawrence Lever

Barlow Clowes International, the Gibraltar fund management group, was closed down yesterday and two provisional liquidators from Ernst & Whinney, the accountant, were appointed to trace the whereabouts of £130 million of private investors' money which has been placed with it.

At the same time, Mr Peter Clowes, the founder of the Barlow Clowes empire, resigned as chairman and chief executive of James Ferguson Holdings, the publicly-quoted parent company of Barlow Clowes.

Steps are now believed to be under way in London to take legal control of Mr Clowes's personal assets. He has already provided a personal indemnity of more than £8 million to cover liabilities in the British arm of Barlow Clowes which is also being wound up.

James Ferguson itself petitioned the Gibraltar court to close BCI. There is concern over the whereabouts of the £130 million which investors placed with BCI.

Mr Clowes was accused yesterday by *Mr David St Clair Morgan of acting with*out authority in signing a management agreement relating to the Gibraltar fund.

The agreement strongly implies that investment decisions for Gibraltar would be taken by Mr Clowes personally and a Jersey company called Conwin Services Ltd. It is signed by Mr Clowes on behalf of himself and Conwin.

"At the time of the agreement he was nothing to do with *the company, Mr St Clair* Morgan, a Conwin shareholder complained."

Meanwhile, the Securities and Investments Board has claimed that between £7 million and £14 million of clients' money in Barlow Clowes Gilt Managers, the British busi*ness, was transferred to a firm* in Geneva connected to an associate of Mr Clowes but was returned in January 1988.

This was after a Department of Trade investigation had begun into BCGM.

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Pressure eases on base rates

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Pressure for a further rise in base rates eased yesterday, as the pound recovered some of the ground lost over the past few days.

The pound's recovery was modest, and the markets still expect a further upward move in rates at some stage in the coming weeks. But the Bank of England is unlikely to risk this until it is certain that the pound is not about to rise sharply.

The US April trade figures, to be published next Tuesday, are now regarded as the key element in foreign exchange markets and interest rates in Britain are unlikely to be changed until after their *publication.*

Expectations are for a widening of the US trade deficit from the $9.75 billion (£5.38 billion) for March.

The pound rose by *1.1* pfennigs to DM3.1059, and by three-quarters of a cent to $1.8105 in quiet trading. The sterling index rose by 0.2 points to 76.5.

The dollar slipped slightly against all leading currencies, as dealers took the view that the Group of Seven countries will limit any rise in the dollar.

HunterPrint in £10.6m cash call

By Colin Campbell

HunterPrint Group, the printing company, is raising £10.6 million gross via a one-for-five rights issue at 300p a share to help finance the £24 million expansion of its magazine and catalogue division.

The group plans a 220,000 sq ft factory on an 11-acre site in Corby, Northants, and the purchase of three high-speed presses to add to the four presses now in operation. The expansion should lead to one of the largest and most modern web-offset printing facilities in Europe.

HunterPrint intends to close its plants in Peterlee, Co Durham, and Eastleigh, Hampshire, and relocate equipment and personnel.

Mr Michael Hunter, the chairman, says the group performed well in the 27 weeks ended April 3 when sales rose from £46.6 million to *£51.8* million, and pretax profit advanced from £2.91 million to £3.6 million.

The interim dividend is being raised from 2.0625p to 3p a share, and a final dividend of 7p net is intended for the year, making 10p.

The shares eased10p eased to 340p yesterday.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Brazil 'near agreeing non-IMF credit plan'

The Brazilian government has announced an agreement with creditor banks, in which they have agreed in principle to lend $4.6 billion (£2.54 billion) to Brazil without interference from the International Monetary Fund.

Senhor *Mailson Ferreira da Nóbrega, the finance minister,* said in Brasilia that Brazil and a steering committee representing 700 creditor banks are "very close to an agreement" that would separate the loan agreement – rescheduling most of Brazil's $68 billion debt to private banks – from economic performance targets monitored by the IMF.

Atkins Bros profit up 39%

Atkins Brothers (Hosiery), *which makes and distributes* hosiery and knitwear and electronically-controlled display systems, lifted pretax profits by 39 per cent to *£1.62 million in the year to* March 31. Turnover was almost unchanged at £19.96 million. A final dividend of 7p makes 10p in all, up 25 *per cent on the previous* year.

£1.82m sale by Lamont

Lamont Holdings, the Bel*fast textile group, is selling* its Edinburgh compression fittings business, James H Lamont, for £1.82 million in cash. The buyer is a new *company formed* by Mr Christopher Holcroft and Mr Alastair Pate, who already have interests in the plumbing and central heating business.

Hewetson buys CFS

Hewetson, the Hull, Humberside, flooring specialist, is buying Cork Floor Sales, the Woking, Surrey, carpet tiles, cork tiles and sheet carpet group, for up to £3.2 million. The USM-quoted Hewetson increased its pretax profits from £481,000 to £779,000 in the year to end-March. Earnings per share are 8.13p against 6.24p and a 2p final dividend makes 3p for the year.

Fisons seeks Tokyo quote

Fisons, the pharmaceuticals, horticultural chemicals and scientific equipment distributor, is seeking a share listing in Japan to broaden its shareholder base in the world's financial markets. It is already listed in Britain, Germany and in American depository receipts in the US. It hopes to have a Tokyo quote by the year-end.

Profits ahead at Redfearn

Redfearn, the glass and plastic film packaging group, has made pretax profits of £1.37 million for the half year to end-March, against £1.1 million previously. The interim dividend is held at 3p a share. Profits rose in the glass division and Mr David *Newbigging, chairman,* expects the good results to continue in the second half.

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Metal Box growth in danger

One of the most singular features of corporate life in the last 10 years has been the sight of sleepy large industrial companies which have stopped behaving *like* supertankers heading for the rocks, and have slowly and painfully turned from near-terminal decline into thriving businesses.

Metal Box is a prime example. Following a period of falling profits in the late 1970s, it has shed labour, cut costs and reorganized its business in the classic manner.

The 1980s have seen the fruits of this exercise in rising pretax profits and earnings per share. Return on capital employed has risen from 14 per cent in 1982 to 29 per cent last year. Net borrowings are down from £115 million in 1982 to £23 million.

But, as in many recovery stories, the danger is that the supertanker becomes becalmed. Staving off a profits collapse, then reaping the benefits of cost cutting, is all too often the easy bit, and this is especially so when your main markets are mature, or slow growing.

Yesterday's results from Metal Box confirmed that, despite innovative packaging ideas such as the transparent plastic can and the latest high-barrier plastic food packs, profits from its packaging business are essentially static.

Group trading profits rose by just 9.6 per cent last year to £102.6 million, yet the contribution from packaging fell from £65 million to £63 million.

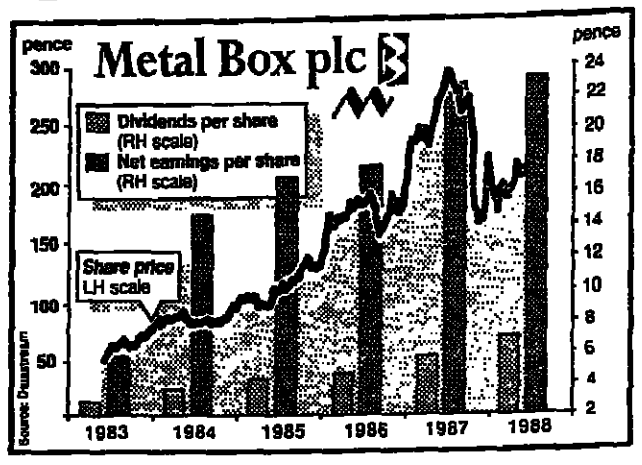
The two main areas of growth last year were central heating and bathrooms, where trading profits rose by £8 million to £21 million, and *cheque printing, up £3 million to £8.7 million. In both cases,* profits growth was helped by acquisitions.

Metal Box is not short of ideas on how to achieve further earnings growth. Last year it spent £155 million on acquisitions, and £81 *million* on capital spending. This year, it will raise its capital spending to £100 million, and remains on the look-out for further acquisitions.

However, given the disposal of the South African subsidiary for £32.5 million – it was contributing £10 million at the pretax level – profits will have some catching up to do before they can move forward this year.

Analysts are looking for a 15 per cent advance this year to £108 million pretax. This translates to a 5 per cent increase in earnings per share due to the higher number of shares in issue, giving a prospective multiple of 8.5.

The yield is an attractive 5 per cent, but the shares are unlikely to excite in the absence of bid speculation.



Norcros

Norcros, for so long one of the City's favourite takeover targets, is at last developing its own brand of shark repellant.

Mr Michael Doherty, the newly installed chief executive, yesterday ushered in a more "hands on" management style for the group when he announced pretax profits for last year of £65.3 million, a rise of 22.8 per cent. This beat the £62 million forecast made when Norcros was fighting the bid from Williams Holdings.

Norcros has always lacked the dynamism of other industrial holding companies. Mr Doherty aims to change that by bringing the group closer, ending its current role of banker servicing unrelated businesses.

Splitting the group into five clear-cut divisions, each run by a main board director, (along with proposals to offload some fringe businesses) should satisfy critisism that it lacked identity and was ripe for a break-up.

The results show there is still plenty of potential to be squeezed out, although the figures were flattered by a first-time of £2.6 million from the Triton shower company, acquired in September,

These performances helped offset a dismal showing from the two Crittall companies, where profits slumped by £3 million, leaving the building products division to chip in £10.3 million against £10.5 million previously.

Elsewhere, print and packaging turned in profits of £15.6 million against £13.4 million.

Despite having a bid on its hands, Norcros kept up the pace of capital expenditure, ploughing £11.6 million of its £42 million total into expanding the UBM builders merchant chain and Cadel plumbing distributor. This resulted in profits sharply up at £13.7 million, from £11.3 million.

Ceramics remain the powerhouse of the group, making profits of £18.4 million – up from £16.1 million.

A bid works wonders, so it is unrealistic to expect a similar profits increase this year. The shares, reflecting evaporating bid hopes, finished just 1p ahead at *385p.* They offer solid if unexciting prospects.

Norcros may not be completely out of the woods, but *the chances of another predator* taking over from where Williams Holdings left off last year are looking remote.

Oxford Instruments

The market still loves Oxford Instruments, even after a 43 per cent collapse in profits.

But the worst looks to be over and there is hope of a better profits trend ahead. The group is liquid enough to pay a higher *dividend,* despite the earnings crash, out of petty *cash* – and still be covered 5.5 times.

So yesterday's market reaction when the shares rose 13p to 217p is not as perverse as it seems, especially *as the* setback was well signalled at the interim *stage, since* when the group has come to grips *with its problems.*

The downturn which cut *profits* from £19.7 million to £11.2 million stemmed from reduced shipments of diagnostic *imaging magnets. But from* now on, Oxford is less dependent on this particular activity – if only because other business divisions have developed – and the quality of *earnings* is on a sounder footing.

The group's world-class technology is one attribute which is keeping investors faithful. The strong balance sheet is another. At the balance sheet date, *Oxford* held net liquid funds totalling £20.9 million.

Adjusted for tax payments and acquisitions, and the liquid funds figure rises to £25.2 million (from £18.8 million) *which explains* why the group generated £1.68 million in interest from which it easily settles the £1.3 million cost of the dividend.

Profits recovery in the coming year will be only partial, but at least £14 million pretax – if not £15 million – should be possible.

The 11.5 rating is not demanding for a group which undoubtedly disappointed but whose feet are now firmly treading a recovery path. But one more false step and *Oxford* could lose investors' confidence for a generation.

Oriflame profit rises to £9.4m

By Alison Eadie

Oriflame *International, the* Swedish direct-selling cosmetics *and retail* jewellery chain, made pretax profits in the 15 months to the end of March of £9.4 million against £7.4 million in the 12 months to the end of December, 1986. The total dividend was raised to *8.5p from 7.37p.*

The results included the acquisition in February last year of Goldsmiths Group, the British jewellery chain, and its subsequent disposal in March this year. After costs, there *was no gain* on the sale, but other reorganization and disposal measures led to a net credit of £17.1 million.

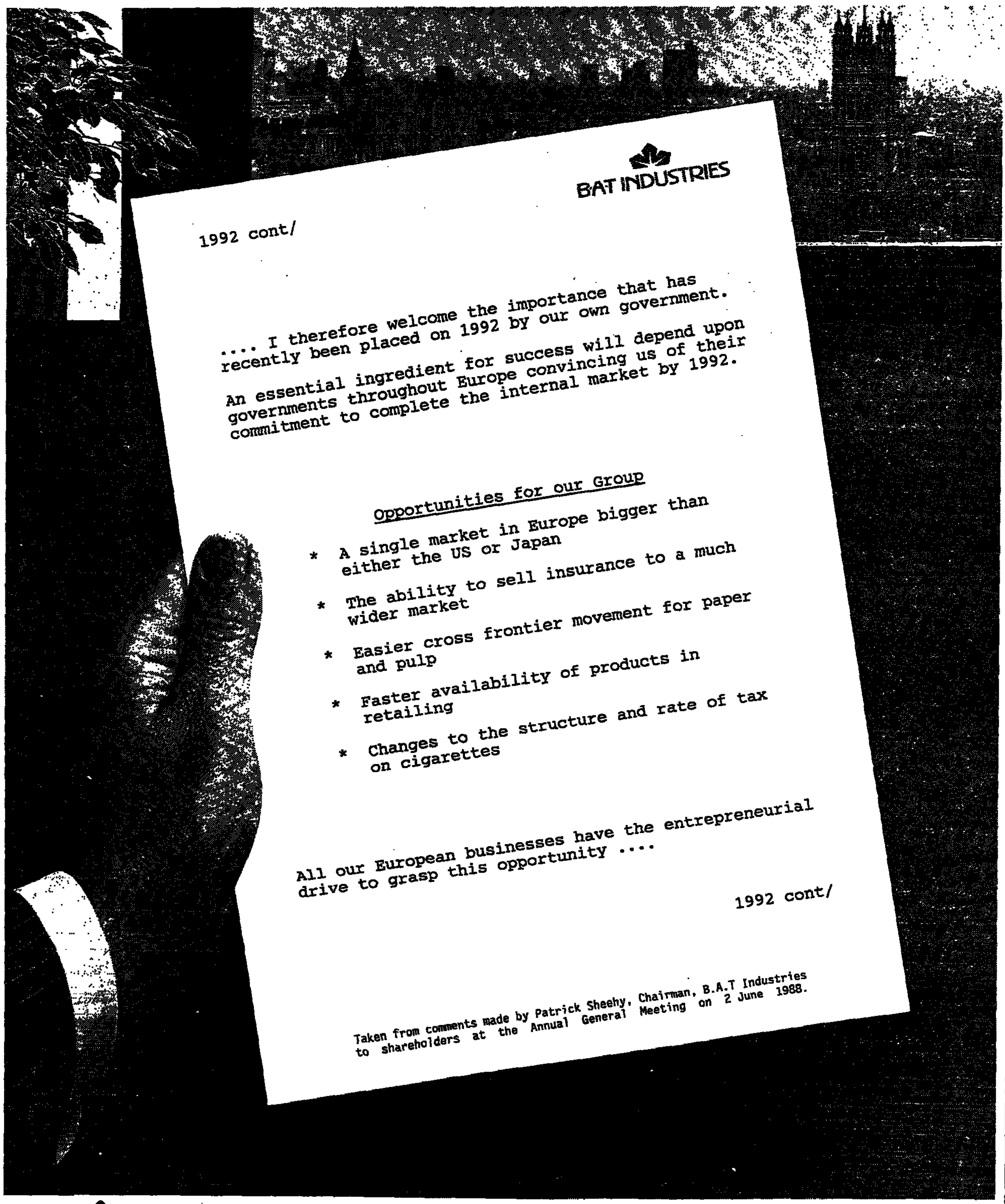
Oriflame now intends to confine *its* jewellery operations to Scandinavia. It had planned to go for the upper end of the market in Britain, but Ratner's acquisition of Ernest Jones and Next's takeover of Combined English Stores convinced it there was no room for small operators.

Cosmetic sales and productivity continued to expand strongly in most of Oriflame's 24 markets. In the year to end-December 1987, cosmetic operating profits increased by 41 per cent over 1986.

A new marketing approach has been adopted in Britain, which emphasizes re-order sales, heavy catalogue support and frequent new products.

The company will continue to expand the core cosmetics business into new markets in the Far East, and through the extension of Vevay, the new product range which is sold by direct mail in five countries.

It is trying a new retail concept called The Face Shop,



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Taken from comments made by Patrick Sheehy, Chairman, B.A.T Industries to shareholders at the Annual General Meeting on 2 June 1988.

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		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	390	42	55	63	4	10	14
(*422)	420	21	33	45	15	20	28
	460	7	16	25	42	45	48
Bass	800	30	53	65	17	27	35
(*804)	850	7	27	40	48	52	65
	900	2	12	22	97	97	105
Brit Air	140	7	13	18	6	9	13
(*140)	160	2	5	8	21	23	26
	180	1	2	4½	41	42	43
Brit Com	260	12	20	27	11	20	25
(*257)	280	6	10	17	25	33	35
	300	2	6	10	47	50	52
Brit Gas	170	8½	12	-	6½	9½	-
(*173)	180	3	7½	11	13	15½	19
	200	C	3	5	32	34	37
BP	240	32	37	-	2	5½	-
(*268)	260	15	22	29	5	12	16
	280	5½	11½	19	17	24	27
Britoil	460	70	77	-	3	6	-
(*524)	500	25	50	-	8	15	-
Cons Gold	950	130	160	190	16	40	60
(*1053)	1000	85	120	155	25	55	87
	1050	55	-	-	50	-	-
Courtauld	300	42	52	-	5	11	-
(*334)	330	20	32	43	15	21	28
	360	6	20	28	35	40	43
	390	2	12	20	58	63	68
Com Union	330	48	53	62	2	10	13
(*374)	360	24	33	42	9	22	25
	390	10	19	30	25	37	40
C & W	300	60	67	75	2½	5	9
(*357)	330	33	43	53	8	13	20
	360	14	24	35	18	23	33
GEC	140	10	14	17	3	6	9
(*146)	160	2	5½	9	15	18	21
	180	1	2½	-	35	36	-
GKN	280	34	41	50	1½	11	15
(*309)	300	20	30	38	10	19	24
	330	7	15	24	28	34	38
Grand Met	420	102	107	-	1	2½	-
(*514)	460	63	73	85	2	7	11
	500	30	45	57	10	20	25
	550	7	19	30	40	47	48
ICI	900	130	138	160	2½	12	16
(*1018)	950	85	100	122	9	25	30
	1000	47	70	90	24	43	48
	1050	21	-	-	49	-	-
Jaguar	240	33	38	45	3	7½	11
(*268)	260	18	25	33	8	16	18
	280	8	16	25	20	27	30
Land Sec	500	85	100	107	1	5	10
(*578)	550	40	62	70	6	15	25
	600	10	30	42	27	35	47
M & S	160	14	22	27	1	4	7
(*172)	180	4½	11	15	11	14	17
	200	1½	5	8	30	31	32
R-Royce	110	15	19	21	1½	4½	6
(*122)	120	7	10½	14	4	8	9½
	130	2½	6½	10	9½	13	16
STC	220	40	47	52	2	3	8
(*257)	240	23	31	38	5	9	15
	260	12	19	28	13	18	22
Sainsbury	200	19	25	30	2½	6	8
(*214)	220	7	13	18	10	13	15
	240	2	7	10	28	29	30
	250	1	3	5	46	48	49
Shell	1000	87	108	133	7½	26	37
(*1085)	1050	48	-	-	24	-	-
	1100	24	47	80	52	68	80
Storehse	240	18	23	30	9	15	20
(*250)	260	7	15	20	25	32	35
	280	3½	10	14	42	45	48
Trafalgar	300	14	25	30	12	17	25
(*299)	330	4	14	17	35	38	45
	360	2	5	9	63	65	70
TSB	90	17	19	21	1	2½	3½
(*105)	100	7	10½	12½	3	5	6½
	110	1½	6	8	9	11	13
Ultramar	260	42	49	59	4	10	13
(*297)	280	26	36	46	10	17	20
	300	15	26	38	19	27	31
Woolworth	260	43	50	57	1	5	8
(*299)	280	25	37	45	4	11	15
	300	13	25	33	12	20	25
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad	160	25	33	38	1	4½	6½
(*185)	180	7	20	25	3	11	14
	200	1½	10	15	18	22	23
Barclays	380	50	57	62	1	5	9
(*408)	395	14	30	40	4	17	23
	429	1½	13	21	25	35	42
Beecham	420	60	65	72	½	6	11
(*479)	460	22	35	47	2½	18	25
	500	2½	17	28	27	40	45
	550	1	-	-	75	-	-
Boots	200	18	22	27	1	8	11
(*217)	220	3	12	16	6	18	22
	240	1	5	10	25	32	35
BTR	240	27	37	39	1	6	7
(*266)	260	9	22	28	2½	12	15
	280	1½	11	16	15	23	26
Blue Circ	390	30	43	55	1	12	17
(*418)	420	7	25	38	9	23	30
	460	1½	13	23	44	53	58
Dixons	160	18	22	28	1	6	9
(*173)	180	2½	11	16	7	14	18
	200	1	5	9	25	28	32

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Glaxo	850	85	117	128	1½	16	26
(*929)	900	30	82	95	6	30	45
	950	8	52	68	30	53	70
	1000	2	32	45	75	85	100
Hanson	120	13	17½	21	½	2½	4
(*133)	130	4	11	14	1½	5	7½
	140	C	6	9	8½	10	12½
	160	½	2	3	28	28	28½
Hawker	460	43	63	75	1½	10	15
(*501)	500	8	34	50	5	23	30
	550	2	17	25	52	55	58
Lonrho	206	38	45	49	½	2	4
(*244)	223	22	29	36	1	7	9
	240	8	19	27	4	12	14
	257	2½	-	-	14½	-	-
Midland	360	70	77	82	1	3	5
(*428)	390	39	45	55	1	10	15
	420	10	27	37	5	22	27
Sears	110	10	16	19	1	4	6
(*118)	120	3	10	13	4	8	11
	130	1	6	9	13	16	17
Tesco	140	8	17	20	2	6	8
(*147)	160	1	7	10	15	18	19
	180	1	3	5	35	36	36
Thorn EMI	500	138	145	-	2	4	-
(*637)	550	88	100	112	2	9	16
	600	40	58	72	3	22	30
	650	6	22	35	18	44	50
THF	220	21	30	35	1	5	6
(*240)	240	3½	15	21	4	11	14
	260	1	6	10½	21	24	26
Unilever	420	41	-	-	1	-	-
(*460)	460	8	-	-	8	-	-
	500	½	-	-	40	-	-
Wellcome	460	80	100	113	1	11	18
(*537)	500	40	72	87	2	22	29
	550	9	42	60	22	45	54
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA	265	22	34	-	6	10	-
(*283)	280	13	24	30	12	17	21
	300	5	15	22	25	28	31
Brit Aero	330	75	82	-	1½	7	-
(*398)	360	48	60	70	5	13	17
	390	28	40	55	15	26	30
	420	13	24	40	32	40	48
BAT Ind	390	57	65	73	2½	11	14
(*443)	420	34	45	53	12	20	28
	460	12	25	35	33	43	47
	500	5	13	-	67	70	-
Brit Tele	220	23	27	29	3	5	11
(*240)	240	9	14	18	11	15	19
	260	3	5½	11	26	29	31
Cadbury	330	78	90	100	6	14	17
(*399)	360	55	70	80	13	23	28
	390	34	52	63	28	37	42
	420	21	39	50	42	53	60
Guinness	260	78	82	-	1	2	-
(*331)	280	58	63	70	2	3	7
	300	40	47	53	4	8	15
	330	15	26	33	13	20	25
Ladbroke	360	78	85	-	1	3½	-
(*431)	390	50	55	70	4	12	13
	420	27	37	48	14	21	25
LASMO	330	123	137	-	2	7	-
(*450)	360	99	112	125	3½	13	18
	390	74	88	103	8	20	27
	420	50	68	82	17	27	35
Pilkington	180	28	33	40	4	7	12
(*203)	200	13	22	28	11	15	20
	220	5	12	18	25	30	33
	240	2½	8	-	42	45	-
Plessey	140	21	27	31	3	6½	9
(*156)	160	7	15	20	10	14	17
	180	2½	7	12	26	28	30
P & O	500	97	100	110	4	10	17
(*583)	550	50	60	72	10	20	30
	600	20	37	50	32	47	57
Prudential	150	17	21	-	3	6	-
(*162)	160	10	15	19	6	10	13
	170	5	10	-	12	15	-
Racal	300	27	42	53	13	19	24
(*314)	330	14	26	36	29	33	38
	360	7	16	26	51	53	54
RTZ	360	88	100	105	2½	6	10
(*437)	390	60	72	80	5	11	17
	420	35	50	60	12	22	27
	460	14	27	37	32	40	48
Vaal Reefs	80	16	20	23	1½	4	7
(*$96)	90	10	12½	17	4½	9	12
	100	5½	7	11	9	14	17
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	114	¼	½	⅝	2½	3⅝	3¼
	116	3/32	3/16	[illegible]	4½	4⅝	[illegible]
	118	1/16	-	-	6 7/16	-	-

FT-SE INDEX (*1822)

Series	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1650	175	180	188	194	3	8	12	18
1700	125	135	146	158	5	14	23	28
1750	77	94	106	116	10	23	33	40
1800	40	58	75	83	22	38	50	60
1850	15	33	47	58	49	60	73	82
1900	5	14	27	37	92	98	107	117
1950	2½	6	13	22	142	140	145	152

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*Underlying security price.

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EQUITIES

ASB Barnett	71
ASW	155
Acre Oil	222 +3
Anglesey Mines	*280*
Arthur Shaw	115
Barbican	1½
Carbo	148 -2
Conroy Pet	60 +1
Dana Exploration	36 +3
Domestic Gen	176
Dudley Jenkins (85p)	101
Everest Foods (165p)	180
Guinness Mahon	102 -2
HPC Group	*110 +2*
Herring Sun (150p)	153
Isopad Intl	125 +6
Morris Ashby (90p)	95 +4
P&P (175p)	197 -3
Pennant	25
Porvair (78p)	91 -2
Prowting L/A	177 -2
Recham Env (195p)	233
Sanderson Elec	133 -3
Scott Pickford	25½ -½
Scot Ice Rink	93
Southnews	178
TGI (130p)	138 -1
Thorntons *(125p)*	130
Wardell Rob	55
Waterman Part (140p)	137

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bk of Wales N/P	15 +1
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Ewart N/P	10 -20
Kelt Energy N/P	53 -2
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Unravelling a multi-million pound route from Gibraltar

Lawrence Lever looks into the bizarre personal life and jet-set lifestyle of Peter Clowes, whose international gilts dealing firm was wound up yesterday

An international investigation spanning Switzerland, Jersey, Gibraltar, the Isle of Man and England will start shortly into the fund management empire Barlow Clowes, established by Mr Peter Clowes.

Mr Clowes has been running his gilts specialist business for several years and — until yesterday when he resigned from the board of Barlow Clowes's parent company — was responsible for £180 million of private investors' money.

His personal lifestyle and manifold business activities are shrouded in mystery. Not much is known about his early years other than that he was born in South Manchester. A shortish stout man, he speaks with a broad Mancunian accent.

The rumour in the Manchester area is that he started off in business selling turf from a caravan with a Mrs Barlow — hence the name Barlow Clowes.

Fellow Mancunians have been amazed by the amount of money which Mr Clowes spends — particularly on travel.

He has been seen regularly flying out of Manchester airport in a private jet. He is said to have spent hundreds of thousands of pounds hiring private jets to Geneva, Gibraltar, Jersey and the Isle of Man.

Documents filed with the Stock Exchange disclose that on March 11 last year Mr and Mrs Clowes withdrew £1 million in cash from Barlow Clowes & Partners — a partnership within the Barlow Clowes empire.

Days later this empire was purchased by James Ferguson Holdings, the quoted financial services company.

Shortly after withdrawing the money, Mr and Mrs Clowes hired a Gulf Stream jet to fly them and their family for an 11-day holiday to the Netherlands Antilles. On this occasion alone the jet cost more than $100,000 (£55,250) to hire.

Mr Clowes' business interests are legion, encompassing jewellery, computers, mail services, boats, property management and investment.

He is rumoured to use a beautiful yacht which is moored on occasions in Gibraltar, where the £130 million fund management group Barlow Clowes International (BCI) was also based.

Mr John Perez is understood to have resigned this week as managing director of BCI but is staying on to help sort out the company.

Mr Clowes is also said to use a helicopter which is kept at Manchester airport and to have been refurbishing his home in Macclesfield, Cheshire, over several months.

Gibraltar chief: John Perez at his managing director's desk

How much is fact or local fiction about the man is hard to discern.

Mr Clowes appears to have a somewhat bizarre personal life. Mr Eric Haydock, his chauffeur, was once married to Mr Clowes' current wife, Pamela. Before he worked for Mr Clowes, Mr Haydock was for years the bass guitarist of the Hollies pop group.

The level of Mr Clowes' spending has attracted a considerable amount of attention in the Manchester area. Information on his personal lifestyle has been given the authorities.

His business interests in public companies have also been rather interesting.

Together with the youthful Mr Guy von Cramer, he took over Buckley's Brewery, the Welsh brewer, last year. The two men also took a stake in England, a former potato company and practically a stock market shell. They are also involved in CH Bailey, the ship-repairing company.

But the partnership has disintegrated in recent weeks. Mr Cramer was particularly annoyed at the way in which Peter Clowes put his 40 per cent stake in Buckley's up for public sale last week.

The two men were also involved in James Ferguson Holdings, a stock market company with a curious history over the last two years.

Mr Clowes was appointed chairman of Ferguson in May 1986. The next month, there was an announcement that Ferguson was to buy Barlow Clowes' gilt income plan. This was followed in the July by the announcement of plans to buy Barlow Clowes & Partners Limited for an initial consideration of £250,000.

These plans appear to have been overtaken by events. In late July Ferguson's listing was suspended and was not restored until the following April.

Meantime Ferguson announced that it was now going to buy the whole of "the Barlow Clowes Group." The press release, issued in December 1986, said that the group consisted of 12 companies. Two companies apparently disappeared out of the deal in between the press release and the subsequent circular to shareholders which referred to only 10 companies within the group.

At least eight drafts of the circular were vetted by the Stock Exchange's Quotations Department before the Exchange allowed the deal to be put to James Ferguson shareholders.

COMMENT David Brewerton

A 'Tony' performance from Covent Garden

Investors have really got their appetite back for property, and there is every chance that it will remain unsatisfied for the remainder of this year and well into 1989. Property is a tail-end indicator: it points to booms in activity when they are already well advanced and may even be about to come to an end.

For that reason, the cautious words of both Richard Peskin, of Great Portland Estates, and John Ritblat of British Land will be read with interest. Mr Peskin tells his shareholders that it will not be possible to repeat the exceptional level of asset growth this year. Mr Ritblat, never a man to miss a trend, warns that booms do not go on for ever and that eventually things must even out.

But while Mr Ritblat is free with his warnings, Mr Peskin is more informative about the underlying movements in the property market. Across the entire Great Portland portfolio, an underlying increase of 41 per cent in values is most unevenly spread. Like the housing market, property has its own divide when it comes to values. Top of the tree is the West End and Mayfair, where Great Portland has scored an astonishing 52 per cent uplift in value. This echoes, but accentuates, the trends seen by Land Securities and reported last month. The City and environs has gone a little off the boil, with a 34 per cent rise, while outer London and the outer suburbs manage only half that rate, 17 per cent. Provincial values are put at a 25 per cent increase.

But the Tony Award for the best performance goes to Holborn and Covent Garden, where Great Portland has seen a 55 per cent uplift. Well spotted, Mr Peskin.

Over at the Cornwall Terrace headquarters of British Land, the chairman has decreed that he will not be pushed into schemes, either developments or purchases, where there is not an immediate — or at least early — profit on the cost of finance. Buying properties for the sake of owning them is a mug's game, Mr Ritblat observed.

It is reassuring, unless you happen to be a tenant looking for space, that the value increases are stemming not from any shift in the yield pattern but from real and anticipated rental increases. At Great Portland, the year was not even a strong one for reversions, but both companies demonstrated

lasting, increases in value can be achieved.

False chimes for Cadbury

Any member of the City's hunting and shooting brigade will tell you that the art of successful stalking lies in stealth and silence. If indeed the US group General Cinema has serious intentions of taking over Cadbury Schweppes, where it owns an 18 per cent share stake, then it is going a strange way about it. The approach so far has been neither stealthy nor silent. Rather it has been characterized by a good deal of high profile thrashing around with well timed announcements that might have been designed to wring maximum attention from the media. Old hands in the City who have watched masters of the art at work, say that General Cinema's tactics chime about as truly as a nine shilling note.

General Cinema cannot however be faulted for the original timing of its stake building exercise. It is now sitting on a holding worth nearly double its initial investment of £240 million. But the other side of that profitable coin is that a full bid for the soft drinks and confectionery empire would now be hugely more expensive than a quick, clean strike at the time of the original purchase.

But after its original intervention, General Cinema deliberately kept the market guessing, tantalising iinvestors and specualtors alike with enigmatic non statements about the specific nature of its intentions towards the british group. These served not to damp down the Cadbury share price and to facilitate further favourable buying opportunities, but to push it higher instead.

When the US group decided to shed some more light on the relationship, its timing could not have been worse if the ultimate aim is a bid for Cadbury. For reasons best known to itself, but which have the familiar flavour of the practiced arbitrageur about them, General Cinema came off the fence at the height of the Swiss induced speculation over long term future of Britain's leading food manufacturers. Its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that its wished no longer to be regarded as a passive investor, sent Cadbury stock to ever more exalted valuations, supported only by bid considerations.

No doubt the US group could indeed mount a bid for Cadbury with the aim of keeping the soft drinks side. As the biggest independent bottler of Pepsi-Cola it recognises a bargain. The unsuccesful bidder for Rowntree would dountless be interesting in spending some of the share dealing profits on Cadbury's sweets side.

But so far, the US group's actions are consistent with those of a high grade poker player, waiting to cash in his chips at the most telling moment. Prudence suggests that he Cadbury shareholders might take advantage of an excellent profit taking opportunity.

Phipps to merge with Headlam

By Michael Tate

Mr David Chapman is reversing the Phipps & Son (Holdings) footwear and sports clothing business into Headlam Sims & Coggins, the quoted safety footwear and sports goods distributor which has been tidied up over the past year by Mr David Graham, the property millionaire.

The deal creates a new £8 million group, in which Mr Graham's 29 per cent stake will be reduced to 13 per cent, and that of Mr Ian Kirkham, his finance director, from 8 per cent to 6 per cent.

The four Phipps vendors, who collect £4 million in shares, will raise £2.57 million through a placing, and finish with 18 per cent of the new group.

The new shares will be offered to existing shareholders on a one-for-one basis at 80p a share.

The merger allows the Phipps team to realize part of their investment, and gives Headlam the management it needs.

Mr Chapman — who led a buyout from Chamberlain Phipps in 1982 — will move into the chair, and take over day-to-day running, while Mr Graham will step down to deputy chairman and look after strategic development.

On a pro forma basis, the combined group would have reported a turnover of £23.6 million last year — against £6.5 million for Headlam alone — and profits of £900,000, against the £200,000 reported. Earnings per share would have been 6.4p (4.4p).

Coalite ahead at £45m

By Joe Joseph

A mild winter held profits in check last year at Coalite Group, but growing benefits from integrating its operations with those of Hargreaves, the fuel distributor acquired in 1986, coupled with better returns from its other activities, helped the Derbyshire company to push profits ahead overall.

Coalite, whose interests range from Britain's best selling brand of smokeless fuel to sheep farming in the Falklands, lifted pretax profits from £43 million to £45.5 million in the year to March 31.

Earnings rose from 31.02p to 31.16p a share, but the final dividend rises from 6.5p to 7.3p, making 9.8p for the year.

Profits jump 21% at Allied Colloids

By Our City Staff

Allied Colloids, the Bradford industrial chemicals group, turned in another impressive profits performance in the year to April 2, with a 21.2 per cent leap in the pretax figure from £29.2 million to £35.4 million.

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the chairman, says there is no lack of demand for the company's increasing range of products, technology and services.

He believes next year will see further growth in sales and, despite the vagaries of the currency markets and their effects on raw material prices, he predicts a further increase in profit too.

Turnover for the year was £163 million, against £142.8 million.

Profits after tax are £22.55 million against £18.33 million, producing earnings per share of 8.9p, compared with 7.27p last time.

Allied Colloids is paying a final dividend of 1.65p, making 2.3p for the year, compared with 1.87p a year ago.

Group capital spending during the year was almost £15 million, of which £12.5 million was spent in Britain, most of it on plant.

The group generated cash of £4.2 million, despite the two acquisitions made during the year.

Japan — the 'relatively open' market

By Colin Narbrough

Lord Young of Graffham yesterday urged British firms to grasp opportunities in Japan, which he described as a "relatively open market."

Addressing a briefing — Opportunity Japan — in Westminster, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry admitted that many British companies had been put off tackling the Japanese market by its "negative image" and the feeling that the Japanese protect their industry by tariff and non-tariff barriers.

But while there used to be a great deal of truth in this view, Japan was changing radically because of the appreciation of the yen and international pressures for access to its markets, Lord Young said.

British businessmen should give "urgent attention" to Japan, since the "window of opportunity for Japan was now wide open."

Japan was a "huge, immensely wealthy, sophisticated and relatively open market," stressed Lord Young, noting that today it had the biggest gross domestic product of any country.

He said the 50 per cent increase in the past two years in British exports to Japan made it one of this country's fastest-growing overseas markets.

Lord Young said Japan's direct investment overseas was expanding rapidly, bringing the Japanese challenge into our community in other ways than imports.

The distinctive patterns of Japanese business culture, so long regarded as an impediment to penetrating Japan, should now be seen as a "key to success."

"British firms are well placed to seize the opportunities which now exist through exports to Japan, investment in Japan, or effective collaboration with Japanese

Now — the world for Donoghue

Kleinwort Grieveson, the securities arm of the merchant banking group, is losing one of its best known peers. Labour Lord Donoghue will leave, I hear, at the end of this month to run a fund management company being started by Robert Maxwell. The publisher is investing more than £1 million of his own money in the venture — London and Bishopsgate Investment Holdings — and Donoughue, aged 53, will become executive vice-chairman. He and two other executive directors, Americans Andrew Smith and Larry Trachtenberg, will share a 25 per cent stake with Maxwell holding the balance. The company, which already has funds of $300 million pledged to it, will specialise in global portfolio management.

"It will be Maxwell's first fund management venture," Donoughue says, "and Larry and Andrew's own fund management group, Global Asset Systems, is being injected into it." Donoughue, head of international research and investment policy at Kleinwort's, joined Grieveson Grant almost seven years ago after being an assistant editor at *The Times*, a lecturer at LSE and senior policy adviser to Prime Ministers Wilson and Callaghan. Donoghue says: "I will be sad to leave but it's that seven-year itch. I've been here for nearly seven years and I've got seven years left — which means its time for another fling."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Feeling broke in US

It's a fact. Wall Street stockbrokers, in line with those in London, are feeling the effects of the market crash where it hurts most — in their own pockets. A report just published by the US Securities Industry Association says retail brokers' earnings have fallen by about 27 per cent since October. Between November and April their average annualized salaries fell to $66,197 from $91,054 the previous year. And that 1987 figure was itself down from a record $97,100 in 1986. Lower market volumes are blamed.

Fire food

Business lunches may never be the same. A Californian inventor has apparently just discovered a way to treat alcohol so that it does not burn off during cooking. Hana Chaus claims to have made 60-proof chilli, 40-proof mayonnaise, and 44-proof bread.

"The possibilities are endless," says Chaus, who is keeping the process a secret. He has, however, formed Beerstone Products Inc and is now marketing Klaus' beer bread in supermarkets. It must certainly pack a punch. Each packet carries a label advising purchasers not to operate machinery for at least an hour after consumption.

"Big takeover bid in the leisure sector — we are negotiating for a couple of Wimbledon tickets."

All in a name

Creeping initialdom has claimed another victim. Assuming its shareholders support the change at the annual meeting, Metal Box will henceforward be known as the MB Group. The packaging side, still more than half of Metal Box's business, will, however, continue to be known as Metalbox, which Dr Brian Smith, the chairman, describes as a "one-word statement about packaging which is now much more fashion orientated than it used to be". All well and good. But MB Group?

Cole is king again

Brian Winterflood, fondly known as "Mr USM," will, I hear, be facing an old adversary when he launches Winterflood Securities in August. Winterflood, who shocked the City when he left County NatWest Wood Mac two months ago, has poached 25 of his old colleagues — market-makers, back office staff and even his secretary. But County has recovered its composure and is determined not to give up even an inch of its USM ground without a fight. Rising to the challenge, staff in other departments there have, I am told, been volunteering to move to the USM pitch and its quota of market-makers is now restored to 16. And working alongside the ex-Capel-Cure Myers partner Rags Simmonds — now head of County's smaller companies team — will be Phil Cole, an ex-Akroyd jobber who once ran its smaller companies book, in competition with Winterflood. "There is no animosity between us," says Cole. "But we will be rivals in business." The gloves are almost off. . .

● One asset at carpet group John Crowther which its new parent Coloroll will not have to sell is a racehorse called — you guessed it — Crowthers. The horse ran in two sellers' races last week, at Redcar and Nottingham, and won both. But, unlike its owner, hotly pursued by Coloroll and Thomas Robinson, it failed to interest any buyers in the auctions afterwards. It was eventually bought by its trainer. Just in the nick of time.

Carol Leonard

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Turnover	**904,149**	83,563
Profit before tax	**48,565**	11,276
Earnings per share	**12.24p**	7.36p
Dividend -interim	**0.6p**	0.4p
-proposed final	**1.75p**	1.0p
Total	**2.35p**	1.4p

Highlights from the Statement by the Chairman

☐ Earnings per share up 66% at 12.24p on a higher tax charge.

☐ Pre tax profits up 330% at £48.5 million.

☐ Final dividend up 75% at 1.75p and total dividends for year up 68% at 2.35p.

☐ Net tangible assets per share almost doubled at 54p.

☐ Rationalisation of Stone and Babcock Companies complete.

☐ Gearing reduced to a negligible level by sale of FATA and other disposals.

☐ Group now in strong position to fund acquisitions without recourse to shareholders.

☐ Strong current trading and substantial order books give confidence for the coming year.

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Keswick bows out after six years of 'high' at Jardine

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Mr Simon Keswick takes the chair of the Jardine Matheson annual meeting for the last time today. At the end of the meeting at the Connaught Centre, Hong Kong, he will officially hand the reins of a £3 billion empire, employing more than 60,000 people in 22 countries, to Mr Brian Powers, an American lawyer.

Within two weeks he will leave Hong Kong for his new home in London and a new job with his brother, Henry.

Mr Keswick, aged 46, cites personal reasons for deciding to leave the Crown Colony after just six years as head of Jardine. "I've spent 25 years abroad and I've got four children who are about to be educated in England and I'd like to be back there with them," he said.

His short span as taipan — "big boss" in Cantonese — was a turbulent one, involving a showdown with Mr David Newbigging, the former chairman, in 1983, moving the group's financial base to Bermuda because of uncertainties over the 1997 hand-over of Hong Kong to China, and restructuring to make it virtually bid-proof.

That Mr Keswick was going this year was signalled on New Year's Eve when his wife Emma fired the Midnight Gun. According to Hong Kong tradition this honour goes to the wife of a departing luminary. Nor was the identity of his successor a surprise. Mr Powers, aged 38, is a Yale graduate who taught law at Stanford and made his mark at James D Wolfensohn, the Wall Street investment bank.

Taking a back seat: Simon Keswick

The retiring taipan says he cannot pin down one event during his tenure as the pinnacle. "The whole thing has been a high," he said.

But he has no doubt that the low point came in the early Eighties. "I think we really did nearly come terribly unstuck and that was rather depressing. We were overborrowing and overtrading. We got shopping profoundly wrong as a business. I think the Land company got property trading profoundly wrong.

"The whole group is now a very conservatively financed, growing business. There's a lot of trendy analysts' talk about Jardine not knowing where it is going. For goodness sake! Land company, Dairy Farm, Mandarin Oriental, our overall business in Hong Kong, insurance broking, Jardine Fleming. If that isn't knowing where you are going, I don't know what is."

Although Mr Powers will be in the hot seat in Hong Kong, the Keswicks will still keep a firm grip on the running of their empire, a fact that does not worry Mr Powers at all.

"Obviously when you have someone like Simon who has spent 25 years in this part of the world, and Henry Keswick who also spent a lot of time out here, plus other directors spread around the world, I hope they are going to be on the phone with ideas and advice," said Mr Powers.

Mr Keswick will join his brother on the board of Matheson & Co, the wholly-owned parent company for JM's British operations.

"There are always things to be done," he said. "When you get three active people, my brother, Rodney Leach (the Keswicks' long-time financial adviser) and myself, sitting in London, I dare say we'll think up some more business wheezes for the company. And of course I'll be helping Brian on the strategy side."

Control of the Jardine empire has helped the Keswick family to amass a fortune estimated at £150 million, making it one of the richest in Britain. The Keswicks actually own less than 10 per cent of the shares in the companies they control.

Mr Keswick reacts strongly to accusations that Jardine is wary of Hong Kong and that it is shifting funds, and control, overseas. "Jardines has been a far bigger net investor in Hong Kong than most other companies, including the local companies," he said.

Weak dollar cuts PWS half-time profit

By Alison Eadie

PWS Holdings, the Lloyd's insurance broker, fell victim to the weak dollar and industry rate cutting as pretax profits fell to £2.2 million in the six months to end-March. That was against £4.5 million in the previous first half.

The interim dividend was maintained at 3.5p.

The group earns around 60 per cent of its brokerage income in dollars, and currency fluctuations lopped £1.4 million off pretax profits. Competition remains fierce, Mr Ronnie Ben-Zur, the chief executive said, and there is no sign of any rate hardening.

Expenses, which rose 30 per cent in the first half, have been pruned back since the beginning of April. The savings should come to £1.5 million a year, Mr Ben-Zur said. They consist of a "reduction in the corporate standard of living" with executives now travelling in club-class aircraft seats instead of first-class.

Last September's acquisition of Craven Farmer, the fellow Lloyd's broker, made a good contribution to profits, but problems emerged from Glenn, Nyhan & Associates (GNA), which were not apparent at the time of the acquisition in January. The problems are covered by warranties and have now been sorted out, Mr Ben-Zur said.

GNA, which is based in San Francisco and specializes in healthcare liability insurance, also failed to secure a major new account it was expecting to win. GNA will make no contribution to profit this year and less than previously hoped for next year.

Profits this year are expected to be considerably less than last year's £7.2 million,

Select pays £16.4m for foothold in Australia

Select Appointments, the employment agency, is paying up to £16.49 million for Morgan & Banks, an executive recruitment consultant. The deal gives Select a foothold in Australia.

Select is raising £12.46 million net by way of a five-for-six rights issue of 8.41 million shares at 160p each. Some 75 per cent of the purchase price will be met in cash, the rest in new shares.

Howden court case continues

Committal proceedings continued yesterday at Guildhall magistrates' court, London, against defendants in the Alexander Howden affair at Lloyd's insurance market. They are Mr Ian Posgate, the former Lloyd's underwriter; Mr Colin Hart, a former underwriter; Mr Kenneth Grob, the former chairman of Howden; and Mr Jack Carpenter, the former deputy chairman.

Rowlinson up

Pretax profits at Rowlinson Securities, the property and construction group, rose from £1.11 million to £1.55 million in the year to end-March, although turnover fell from £7.01 million to £6.21 million. Earnings per share were up from 7p to 8.23p. The final dividend was 0.68p, lifting the total from 0.78p to 0.9p.

Interim leap

Alexanders Holdings, Scotland's main Ford dealer, hoisted profits from £112,000 to £562,000 in the six months to end-March, producing earnings of 0.9p a share against 0.18p. Turnover lifted £5.1 million to £35.7 million. There is no interim dividend.

GWR ahead

GWR Group, the West Country independent radio group, increased taxable profits from £267,849 to £353,782 on turnover up from £1.61 million to £1.92 million, in the half year to end-March. There is no interim dividend.

Privatized power 'threatens Coal'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Government's insistence that the privatized electricity industry must continue to support nuclear power could mean increased pressure on British Coal, which already faces new closures because of power privatization, says the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

Its latest report suggests that because generating companies will be forced to take a percentage of their power from uneconomical nuclear power stations they will have to look for economies elsewhere and turn to importing cheap foreign coal rather than buying it from British Coal.

Dr Dieter Helm, one of the report's authors, says the proposals for restructuring the power industry will introduce an element of competition into the industry in a way which other privatizations have notably failed to do.

He adds: "The benefits could include lower costs and prices, coming from more economical use of capital and lower fuel input costs.

"Whether these potential benefits materialize in practice will depend on the regulatory regime, still to be chosen. The commitment to nuclear power, uneconomical on any commercial criteria, will in any case dissipate some of the benefits by obliging the industry to meet part of its fuel requirements from high-cost nuclear sources."

Dr Bill Robinson, the report editor, says the privatization of the industry is taking place against a background of expanding energy demand.

"The problem British Coal faces is that its prices are high both in relation to oil prices and world coal prices. If, in a more competitive energy market, coal prices are bid down to world levels, the break-even level of coal output will, barring productivity miracles, be only half the present tonnage."

Brokers injured in riot

Bombay (Reuter) — More than 500 brokers on Bombay Stock Exchange, India's largest, boycotted trading yesterday in protest at a demonstration by brokerage employees in which 10 brokers were injured.

Trading was disrupted on Monday when the employees stormed the exchange, toppling chairs, disconnecting telephones and assaulting brokers.

Officials said the violence was unprecedented in the exchange's 113 years. The employees, who have demanded renewal of wage accords, staged a one-day strike on May 9.

Brokers said they were facing financial difficulties after a two-year-long depression.

But for the past month the market volume has increased. The daily business volume, which fell to 150 million rupees in the last two years, compared with R600 million in normal times, exceeded R1 billion last week.

COALITE GROUP

Preliminary Announcement

"The unusually mild winter weather had an impact on the results of our fuel production and distribution companies but most of our other activities improved their profits."

Eric Varley, Chairman

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	1988 £000	1987 £000
Turnover	615,590	492,920
Profit before tax	45,531	42,976
Tax	15,046	14,780
Dividends Paid and Proposed	9.80p	8.75p
Earnings per share	31.16p	31.02p

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Dividend – net	7.0p	5.75p	+21.7%

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STOCK MARKET

French connection lifts Abbey Life

Abbey Life, the group which is unique among the quoted British life assurers in that it specializes almost entirely in unit-linked business, is attracting predatory interest from across the Channel.

That was the story doing the rounds in the market yesterday. It induced heavy speculative buying of the shares which closed 12p higher at 310p, after 316p, on a turnover of nearly 4 million shares.

The word is that Banque Paribas, the French group which already owns the old Quilter Goodison stockbroking operation whose senior partner is Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the International Stock Exchange, is looking to expand further into the British financial services market and is keen on Abbey Life.

Banque Paribas is attracted by Abbey's large sales force and well-known name and wants to get the company on board before 1992.

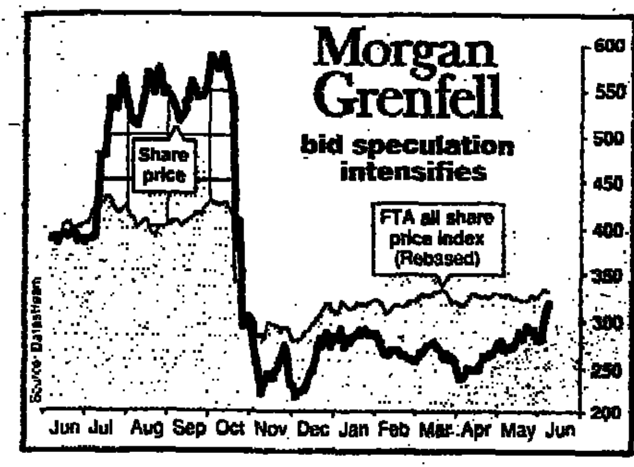
Dealers believe that Paribas has already been secretly acquiring Abbey shares and has built up a strategic stake. They are, however, somewhat confused as to whether the deal will take the form of an agreed merger or a full-scale bid. But corporate news is expected shortly.

Elsewhere, the rest of the market drifted lower from a firm start on sporadic bouts of profit-taking and talk, emanating from the Far East, that US interest rates are set to rise. An opening fall on Wall Street dampened sentiment further, but overall, selling pressure was light.

The FT-SE 100 share index reacted from an initial level of 1,839.9 to touch 1,818.4 before closing 12.5 points down at 1,820.2. The narrower FT 30 share index ended 7.7 points lower at 1,445.1.

Myson Group, the Essex-based maker of gas central heating equipment, was a star performer, touching 230p bid at one stage before closing 22p higher on the day at 220p following persistent speculative support amid talk of an imminent bid from BICC, the electrical group.

Sir John Harvey-Jones, the former ICI chairman, *celebrates soon his first* anniversary as the non-executive chairman at Burns-Anderson, the financial services group. This will coincide with the publication of the interim figures and it is likely that pretax profits will be above £1 million.



Reed International, the £2.3 billion international publishing group, closed 8p higher at 423p with nearly 2 million shares changing hands.

Buyers chased the shares higher on hopes of bumper annual results today. Dealers expect them to be good, showing pretax profits rising from last year's £188.2 million to between £245 million and £250 million.

They also think the group will announce in greater detail the management buyout of its British and European paper activities for £650 million.

Bank market-makers were flooded with buying orders for shares of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, as takeover speculation intensified.

The shares followed Monday's gain of 12p with a leap of 35p to a peak of 338p as speculators pinned their hopes on a bid emerging soon from Deutsche Bank. The West German bank is reported to have held discussions with Willis Faber, the Lloyd's broker, about acquiring its 21 per cent stake in Morgan and received a positive reaction.

The renewed excitement in the shares followed reports that Deutsche had now reached agreement with Mr Alan Bond, the Australian businessman, for the purchase of his 8 per cent stake in Morgan and was putting the final touches to a full bid.

Mr Bond, who has long been regarded as a possible bidder for Morgan, is now thought to be a seller of his stake after reports, denied by him, of being forced by the Australian authorities to make a £375 million bid for Bell Group in Australia.

Analysts generally feel that the shares are now overvalued on fundamentals but put forward a probable take-out price of 550p-600p should the bid materialize.

A bid at that level would surely go a long way in pacifying those Morgan shareholders who have retained their shares since the flotation at 500p a share more than two years ago, and watched them plummet at one stage to a post-crash low of 210p.

McCaughan Dyson Capel Cure, the broker, is a fan of Hoskyns, the computer services group, which closed 3p easier at 290p. It has upgraded its profit forecast for this year from £8.7 million to £9 million due to strong organic growth and expected contributions from recent acquisitions.

Still in merchant banks, **Singer & Friedlander**, one of the smallest, advanced 5p more to 85p.

Dealers feel that it is only a matter of time before Mr John Gunn's **British & Commonwealth**, which already holds a 10.4 per cent stake in the company, launches a full-scale offer of 100p-plus.

Shares of B&C, meanwhile, cheapened 4p to 257p on the liquidation of speculative positions as the market awaited news of a management buyout of Bricom.

There was no stopping the shares of **London & Scottish Marine Oil** which jumped by a further 16p to 452p as more than 4 million shares changed hands.

Renewed demand was fuelled by talk that the Lasmo board, growing increasingly concerned about the incessant speculation, was seeking guidance from financial advisers with a view to drawing up a defence document, valuing the company well in excess of £6 a share.

Dealers still feel that Repsol, the state-owned Spanish oil conglomerate which has paid $276 million (£153.3 million) for half of Texas Eastern's 20 per cent stake in the Beryl Field in the North Sea, is stalking Lasmo and has secretly picked up a stake of just below 5 per cent.

RTZ, the mining finance group, has a near 30 per cent stake in Lasmo and is committed to selling it in 5 per cent tranches every Stock Exchange account, unless a full offer for Lasmo emerges.

Repsol, which is keen on taking a bigger slice of the North Sea action, is believed to be nearly ready to make a full bid for Lasmo

Enterprise Oil, the independent in which Lasmo holds a 25 per cent stake, advanced 10p to 445p in sympathy. Enterprise has also been the subject of intense market speculation about a possible "friendly" merger with Lasmo, or a bid from Atlantic Richfield of the US.

Elsewhere in the oils, **BP** was unsettled by vague talk that the Kuwait Investment Office may soon be forced by the Monopolies and Mergers *Commission to reduce its* stake in BP from the current 22 per cent to 15 per cent.

Dealers, fearful of a heavy line of BP stock being dumped on the market, went on the defensive.

From an initial firm level of 273p they eventually closed 2.5p cheaper at 267p on a turnover of more than 7 million shares. The partly-paid shares ended 1.5p lower at 71p, after 74p.

Geoffrey Foster

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,602	Coats	1,048	Land Sec	808	Royal Ins	1,454
Abbey	3,330	CU	1,498	Laporte	339	Saatchi	1,832
Alld-Lyons	2,501	Cons Gold	471	L&G	1,447	Sainsbury	2,146
Amstrad	*2,575*	*Cookson*	*413*	*Lloyds*	*1,593*	*Scot & N*	*1,682*
ASDA	2,473	Courtaulds	600	Lonrho	1,658	Sears	1,764
AB Foods	428	Dalgety	1,249	Lucas	676	Sedgwick	1,257
Argyll	4,290	Dee	1,403	Magnet	1,759	Shell	866
BAA	3,200	Dixons	994	M&S	2,311	Smith & N	1,167
BET	*1,325*	*ECC*	*787*	*Maxwell Cm*	*421*	*Smith WH*	*294*
BTR	2,632	Enterprise	1,124	MEPC	1,692	Smiths Ind	14
BAT	3,104	Ferranti	2,649	Metal Box	2,023	STC	935
Barclays	2,165	Fisons	1,987	Midland	2,384	Stan Chart	582
Bass	790	FKI Babck	1,944	NatWest	569	Storehse	2,650
Beecham	*1,726*	*Gen Acc*	*71*	*Next*	*1,670*	*Sun Allnce*	*36*
Beazer	1,331	GEC	3,339	Nth Food	368	T & N	1,259
Bensfd SW	562	Glaxo	1,557	P&O	1,145	Tarmac	1,864
BICC	535	Globe Inv	381	Pearl	1,082	Tate & Lyle	624
Blue Arrow	6,435	Glynwed	936	*Pearson*	*97*	TSB	3,310
Blue Circle	649	Granada	1,300	Pilkington	2,077	Tesco	623
BOC	1,487	Grand Met	1,680	Plessey	1,821	Thorn EMI	457
Boots	1,159	GUS 'A'	29	Prudential	9,848	Trafalgar	1,808
BPB	795	GRE	170	Racal	2,382	THF	2,645
Br Aero	*2,269*	*GKN*	*1,183*	*Rk Hovis*	*524*	*Ultramar*	*1,414*
Br Airways	6,896	Guinness	3,001	Rank	493	Unigate	842
Br Comm	885	Hamm 'A'	434	R&C	22	*Unilever*	*2,891*
Br Gas	10,972	Hanson	8,694	Redland	631	United Bis	3,856
Br Petrol	6,372	Hawker	451	Reed	1,714	Utd News	495
Br Telecm	*4,495*	*Hillsdown*	*7,948*	*Reuters*	*780*	*Wellcome*	*425*
Britoil	50	IMI	550	RMC Gp	32	Whitbrd	593
Bunzl	3,218	ICI	1,358	RTZ	1,290	Williams	953
Burmah	1,143	Inchcape	203	R-Royce	6,600	Willis Fab	1,092
Burton	882	Jaguar	1,431	Rothmn 'B'	2,161	Wimpey G	426
C&W	*1,499*	*Lasmo*	*4,303*	*Rowntree*	*551*	Woolworth	2,405
Cadbury	4,341	Ladbroke	1,568	Royal Bank	531	Equities page 31	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 31	June 10	September 1	September 12

Call options were taken out on: 7/6/88 Lucas, BOM 2HP, Bristol Channel, Fairhaven, North Kalgurli Mines, Tranwood Group, Oliver Resources, JFB, B Priest, Carless Capel, Burndene, Suter, Abbey Life, United Biscuits, A & M Group.
Puts & Calls: Belhaven, Bula, Lucas.

WALL STREET

Dow slips as bonds drop in early trade

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street share prices showed broad losses in early trading yesterday but blue chips levelled off from a steep decline nearer the opening.

Brokers said a drop in bond prices — with rising yields — led to early profit-taking on last week's strong stock gains. Bonds fell partly on rising commodity prices.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 9.24 points to 2,065.97 at one stage when the transport indicator was 1.94 lower at 856.03.

Declining issues led advancing shares by two to one.

● ***Tokyo*** — *Share prices closed lower, breaking a two-day* winning run, as profit-taking and concern over rapid recent advances took hold, brokers said. The Nikkei index closed down 28.92 points at 27,967.32.

● **Hong Kong** — Shares finished slightly lower after rising sharply on Monday, brokers said. The Hang Seng index ended 3.36 points down at 2,587.03 after climbing above 2,600.

● **Sydney** — Share prices closed easier after two sessions of solid gains. The All-Ordinaries index was 4.3 points down, closing at 1,595.4 after 1,590.2.

	Jun 6	Jun 3		Jun 6	Jun 3		Jun 6	Jun 3
AMR Cp	45⅝	44¾	Fedders	8½	8⅝	Pennzoil	74	74⅝
ASA	45¾	46¼	Fst Chicago	28⅜	28⅛	Pepsico	37	37⅝
Aetna Life	44⅛	44⅞	Fst Int Bncp	45⅝	45	Pfizer	52½	52¼
Allied Signal	33⅞	33½	Fst Penn C	10⅝	10⅝	Phelps Dod	41⅞	41⅞
Allis Chlm	1⅜	1½	FT Wachva	38⅝	38⅝	Philip Mor	84⅝	86⅝
Alcoa	49⅝	49	Ford Motor	50⅝	49⅜	Philip Ptrl	17⅝	17⅜
Amax Inc	22⅜	21⅞	GAF Cp	49	49⅜	Pillsbury	39⅝	38⅜
AMR Hess	27⅝	27¼	GTE Cp	37⅝	38½	Polaroid	35⅜	35½
Am Brands	45⅝	46⅝	Gen Cp	18⅝	18⅝	Primerica	25	24⅝
Am Cynmd	50⅝	49⅝	Gn Dynam	53⅝	52⅜	Proct Gble	77½	77⅝
Am Els Pwr	28⅝	29	Gen Electric	42⅜	42⅝	Pub S E G	24	24⅜
Amexs	27⅞	26⅝	Gen Inst	38⅝	37½	R Nabisco	48⅝	49⅛
Am Family	14⅜	14⅞	Gen Mills	47⅝	48⅝	Raytheon	64⅜	63⅜
Am Home	73⅜	74⅜	Gen Motors	77	76⅝	Rynlds Met	47	46½
Am Int Grp	56⅝	56⅝	Gen Pub Ut	35	35⅝	Rockwell Int	19⅛	19⅜
Am Stand	77¼	77¾	Genesco	4⅝	4⅝	Royal Dutch	117⅝	118⅝
Am Telph	26⅞	27⅜	Georgia Pac	39⅝	38⅜	SFE Sopac	18	17½
Amoco Cp	75⅜	76⅜	Gillette	38⅜	38½	Sara Lee	38⅜	38
Anheusr B	31⅛	31⅜	Goodrich	51⅛	51	Schlumb	35⅛	36⅛
Armco Steel	9⅝	9¾	Goodyear	65	64⅝	Scott Paper	39½	39⅜
Asarco Inc	25⅝	25⅜	Gould Inc	14⅜	14⅝	Seagram	53⅛	53⅜
Ashland Oil	69⅜	68⅝	Grace Co	26⅝	26⅜	Sears Roeb	35⅝	35⅝
Atl Richfld	85	85⅝	Grt Atl Pac	36⅝	37	Shell Trans	77½	77
Avon Prod	23⅝	23¼	Greyhnd	30	30	Singer	n.a	n.a
Bk Boston	26⅝	26⅝	Gruman	20⅛	19⅜	Smith Beck	52⅛	52⅛
Bank NY	*32½*	*32½*	*Gulf Westn*	*42⅝*	*42½*	*Sony Cp*	*41⅞*	*40⅞*
Bankamer	11⅝	10⅞	Heinz	41⅝	42⅜	Sth Cal Edi	33½	33¼
Bkrs Tst NY	34⅛	34⅜	Hercules	46⅝	46	SW Bell	37⅛	38
Baxter	22	21¼	Hewlett Pk	56⅝	58⅜	Squibb	64⅛	64⅛
Beth Steel	19⅝	19⅞	Honeywell	72⅝	71⅜	Stevens JP	68⅛	68⅛
Boeing	55⅝	55⅜	IC Ind	33	32⅝	Sun Comp	59⅛	59⅛
Boise Casc	44	43½	ITT Cp	49⅝	49⅜	TRW Inc	45½	45⅛
Borden	52⅜	52⅝	INCO	31½	31⅜	Teledyne	343⅛	344½
Brstl Myer	40⅝	41⅜	Ing Rand Wl	42⅝	42⅝	Tenneco	46⅛	46⅝
BP	59⅝	58⅜	Inland Steel	31⅝	31⅜	Texaco	50⅝	50
Brunswick	23⅝	22½	IBM	114⅜	113⅝	Tex Eastn	27⅛	27¼
Burl Nth	69⅝	70⅜	Int Paper	43⅝	43⅜	Texas Inst	46⅜	45
CBS	159	161	Irving Bk	63⅜	63½	Tex Util	25⅝	25⅝
CMS Engy	18⅝	19	Jhns & Jhns	79⅝	79⅝	Textron	23¼	23⅝
CPC Int	47⅝	47⅜	K Mart	33⅝	34	Travelers	36	35
CSX Cp	28⅝	27¼	Kaisertech	17⅜	17⅜	USG	45⅛	46
Camp Soup	25⅜	26⅜	Kerr McGee	36⅝	36⅝	USX Cp	31⅝	31½
Can Pacific	18⅝	18⅝	Kimbrly Clrk	54	54⅝	Unilever Plc	33¼	33½
Caterpillar	64⅝	63⅜	Kraft	54	53⅝	Un Carbide	20⅛	20¼
Centrl SW	33⅝	33⅜	Kroger	33⅝	33⅝	Un Pac Cp	66	66⅝
Champion	34⅜	34⅜	LTV Cp	3⅝	3⅜	Unisys Cp	34⅜	34
Chase Man	*28⅜*	*27⅝*	*Litton*	*84*	*84⅝*	*Unit Brand*	*16⅝*	*17*
Chem Bank	31⅝	30½	Lockheed	43⅜	43⅜	Us West	54⅜	55⅝
Chevron	50⅝	50⅝	Lucky Str	64⅝	64⅜	Utd Tech	37⅞	38⅛
Chrysler	22¼	21⅞	Man H'nver	30⅜	29⅜	Unocal	36½	36⅝
Citicorp	24⅜	24⅛	Manville	2⅝	2	Warn Lamb	68⅜	67⅜
Clark Eq	*33⅜*	*34*	*Mapco*	*55⅜*	*55⅝*	*Wells Far*	*59⅝*	*58½*
Coca Cola	38⅝	38⅝	Marriott	29½	29½	Westg El	54¼	54⅛
Colgate	44⅝	45	Mt Marietta	41⅝	41⅜	Weyershr	26⅛	25½
Columb Gas	30⅝	30½	Masco	29	28⅜	Whirlpool	26⅝	27
Cmb'tn Eng	33⅜	34⅜	Mcdonalds	45⅜	45⅜	Woolworth	51⅝	51⅝
Cmwlth Edi	25⅜	25⅜	McDonnell	60⅝	60⅝	Xerox Cp	52⅜	52⅝
Cons Edis	44⅜	45⅜	Mead Cp	36⅝	35	Zenith	25	25⅜
Consol Ng	35⅜	35⅜	Merck	55⅝	55⅝			
Cont Data	26⅝	26⅜	Minsta Mng	63⅝	63⅜	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	54⅜	53⅝	Mobil	44⅝	44⅜			
Crane	30½	30⅝	Monsanto	82⅜	80⅝	Agnico Eag	19	19
Curtiss W	47⅜	47⅜	Montedison	12	12	Alcan Alum	37⅞	36⅜
Data Genl	21⅝	21⅝	Morgan Jp	36⅜	36⅜	Algoma Stl	21	21⅛
Deere Co	49⅜	49⅝	Motorola	49⅝	48⅝	Can Pacific	22⅝	22⅛
Delta Airl	50⅝	49⅜	NCR	64⅜	60⅝	Cominco	21⅝	21⅛
Detroit Edi	14	13⅝	NL Indstrs	7	6⅝	Con Bathrst	17	15⅜
Digital Eq	108	105⅝	Nat Md Ent	23⅝	23⅜	Hawk S Can	23	22⅜
Disney	61⅜	61⅜	Nat Semi	14⅜	14	Hud Bay M	19⅛	19⅛
Dow Chem	84⅜	83⅝	Norfolk Sth	26⅝	27	Imasco	25½	25⅝
Dresser Ind	34⅝	34⅜	NW Bancrp	43½	43⅜	Imperal Oil	56½	56
Dupont	86⅜	85⅝	Occid Pet	26⅝	27¼	Inco	39⅜	38½
Duke Pwr	*46*	*46¼*	Ogden Cp	28⅝	28⅜	*Royl Trstco*	*16⅞*	*16½*
East Kodak	44⅝	44⅛	Olin Cp	48½	48⅜	Seagram	65⅝	65½
Eaton Cp	79⅜	79⅜	PPG Ind	42½	42⅝	Shelco 'A'	22⅝	22⅜
Emerson El	30⅝	31⅜	Pac Enterp	48	48⅝	Thmsn N 'A'	27½	27¾
Emery Air	5	5	Pac Gas El	16	15⅝	Vanty Cp	4.20	4.00
Exxon	44⅜	44⅝	*Pan Am*	*2⅝*	*2⅜*	WCT	17⅜	17⅜
Farah Inc	9	9	Penney JC	48⅜	48⅝	Weston	33⅝	33⅝

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS	1987 £000	1986 £000
Turnover	329,617	306,254
Profit before taxation	9,638	6,694
Profit after taxation	6,970	4,411
Shareholders' funds	27,604	21,687
Dividend per share	15p	13p
Earnings per share	99.2p	62.8p

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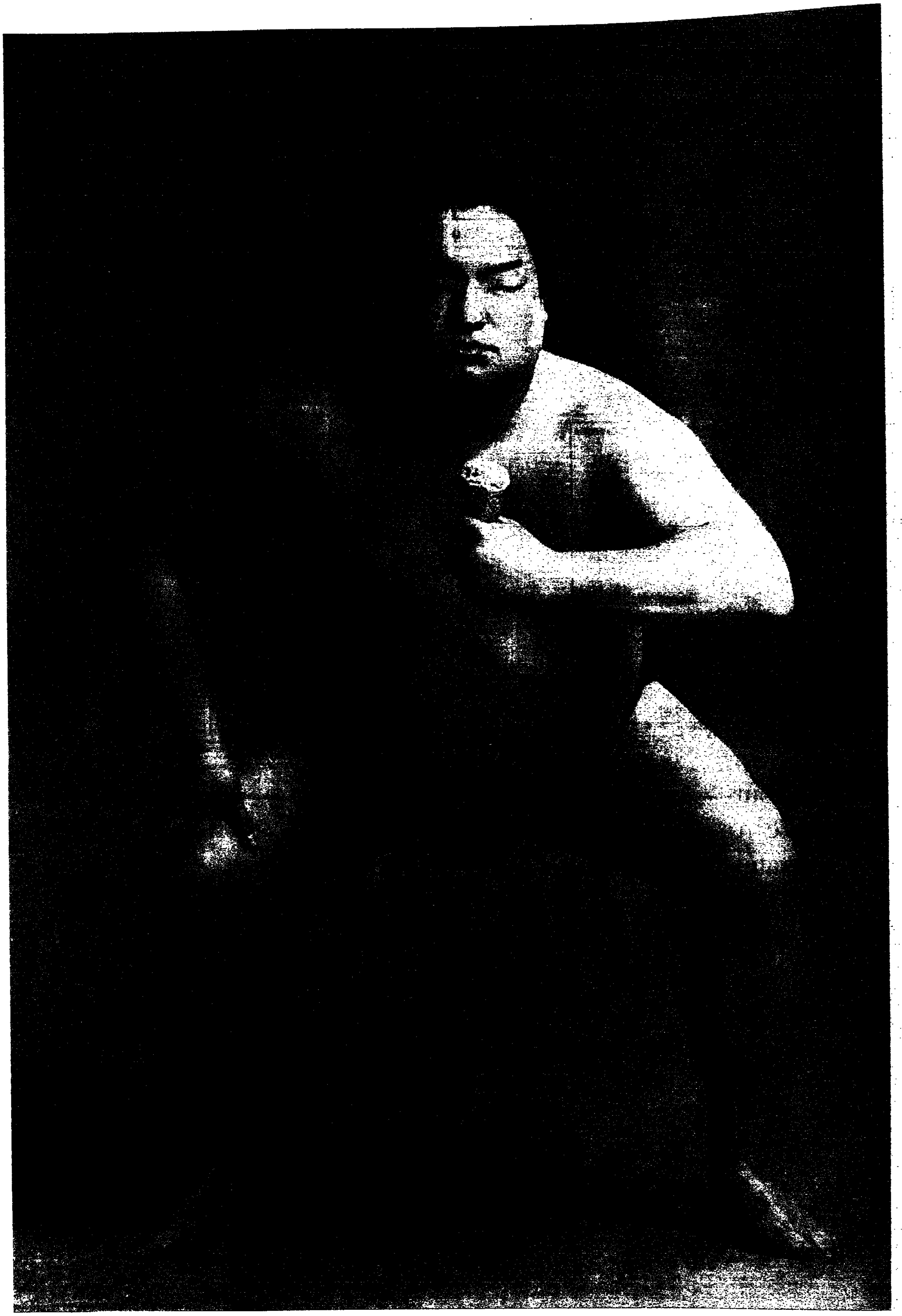

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Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 29.)

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Armstrong	Motors, Aircraft	
2	Emess	Electricals	
3	Brown Shipley	Banks, Discount	
4	Dwek	Industrials A-D	
5	Gt Western Res	Oil, Gas	
6	Bromsgrove Inds	Industrials A-D	
7	MEPC (aa)	Property	
8	Harland Simon	Electricals	
9	Imry Merch	Property	
10	Cropper (James)	Paper, Print, Adv	
11	Midland (aa)	Banks, Discount	
12	Magnet (aa)	Building, Roads	
13	Cosalt	Industrials A-D	
14	Microgen	Electricals	
15	Young (H)	Industrials S-Z	
16	Trent	Building, Roads	
17	Ratners Group	Drapery, Stores	
18	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
19	Brasway	Industrials A-D	
20	Siebe	Industrials S-Z	
21	Lambert Howarth	Shoes, Leather	
22	Lee (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	
23	Waterford Glass	Industrials S-Z	
24	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	Tobaccos	
25	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
26	Newmark (Louis)	Electricals	
27	Barro	Industrials A-D	
28	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
29	Rexmore	Industrials L-R	
30	Nu-Swift Inds	Industrials L-R	
31	Mecca Leisure	Leisure	
32	Fitzwilton	Industrials E-K	
33	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
34	Barr (AG)	Foods	
35	Wellman	Industrials S-Z	
36	Brent Walker	Leisure	
37	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
38	Thomson T-Line	Industrials S-Z	
39	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
40	Third Mile	Industrials S-Z	
41	Century	Oil, Gas	
42	Brown (N)	Drapery, Stores	
43	Leisure Inv	Leisure	
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Stock out-standing £		Stock		Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

100¾	95¾	Treas	9½% 1988	100¾	..	9.47	8.605
102⅝	95¾	Treas	11½% 1989	101¾	..	11.2	8.768
102¾	96⅝	Treas	10½% 1989	101¾	● ..	10.3	8.927
102	100¾	Exch	10% 1989	101	..	9.89	9.025
104¾	98¾	Exch	10½% 1989	102¾	..	9.99	8.261
103⅝	98¾	Exch	11% 1989	102¾	..	10.7	9.027
97¾	93¾	Treas	5% 1986-89	96¾	..	5.1	7.543
101⅞	95¾	Treas C	9½% 1989	100¾	..	9.45	8.858
97¾	94⅝	Treas	3% 1989	96¾	+⅛	3.0	6.488
102⅝	98¾	Treas	8% 1990	100¾	..	..	..
107¾	105¾	Treas	13% 1990	105¾	..	12.2	9.013
104¾	97¾	Exch	11% 1990	102¾	..	10.8	9.002
107¾	99¾	Exch	12½% 1990	105¾	..	11.8	9.036
93¾	91¾	Treas	3% 1990	92¾	+⅛	3.2	7.114
99¾	94¾	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	99	●	8.32	8.769
103⅞	97¾	Treas	10% 1990	101¾	..	9.8	9.090
91⅝	88¾	Exch	2½% 1990	90	+⅛	2.7	7.024
105⅝	97¾	Treas C	10% 1991	102⅝	● ..	9.7	8.901
107¾	99¾	Treas	11¾% 1991	105¾	● ..	11.0	9.117
95⅝	90¾	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	93¾	+⅛	6.1	8.218
107¾	100⅝	Exch	11% 1991	105¾	..	10.4	9.136
90¾	87⅞	Treas	3% 1991	88¾	+⅛	3.3	7.311
98¾	92⅝	Treas	8% 1991	96¾	● ..	8.2	9.089
113¾	109¾	Treas	12¾% 1992	110¾	+⅛	11.4	9.138
104¾	98¾	Treas	10% 1992	102¾	..	9.7	9.132
106⅝	102⅝	Treas C	10½% 1992	104	..	10.0	9.228
86¾	83¾	Treas	3% 1992	84¾	●+⅛	3.5	7.408
98¾	92¾	Treas	8% 1992	96¾	..	8.3	9.127
112⅝	103¾	Exch	12¼% 1992	110¾	+⅛	11.1	9.291
117⅝	107⅝	Exch	13½% 1992	114⅝	..	11.7	9.310

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

105¾	98¾	Treas	10% 1993	103	+⅛	9.7	9.193
115¾	111	Treas	12½% 1993	112¾	●+⅛	11.0	9.317
93	88¾	Fund	6% 1993	91¾	+⅛	6.5	7.905
121¾	114¾	Treas	13¾% 1993	118¾	+⅛	11.6	9.359
97⅝	96¾	Treas	8½% 1994	96⅝	..	..	..
125¾	115⅝	Treas	14½% 1994	122¾	+⅛	11.8	9.356
116¾	105	Exch	12½% 1994	113¾	+⅛	10.9	9.489
120¾	112⅛	Exch	13½% 1994	117¾	+⅛	11.4	9.453
101⅝	95¾	Treas	9% 1994	99	+⅛	9.0	9.199
105⅞	98¾	Treas	10% 1994	103¾	●+⅛	9.6	9.288
114¾	109	Treas	12% 1995	111¾	..	10.7	9.514
82¾	79	Gas	3% 1990-95	79¾	..	3.71	6.485
108¾	100¾	Exch	10¼% 1995	105¾	..	9.8	9.457
120⅝	112¾	Treas	12¾% 1995	117	..	10.8	9.482
126¾	119¾	Treas	14% 1996	123	..	11.3	9.651
101⅝	93¾	Treas	9% 1992-96	98¾	+⅛	9.1	9.241
133⅝	124¾	Treas	15¼% 1996	130¾	..	11.6	9.646
123⅝	115⅝	Exch	13¼% 1996	120¾	..	11.0	9.539

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
373	316	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	353	357	+2	17.9	5.0	6.9
[illegible]	[illegible]	Schroders	825	925	+25	27.6	2.8	11.0
555	415	Stand Chart (aa)	480	497	+1	48.0	9.7	6.1
116	96	TSB (aa)	104	105	●+1½	5.3	5.1	7.0
385	305	Warburg SG	343	347	+23	14.4	4.2	
128	117	Do 6% 'A'	121	124	●+4	8.2	6.7	
32½	23	Wells Fargo	32¼					
453	443	Wintrust	435	460	● ..	8.8	2.0	17.6

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	418	422	●-6	17.3	4.1	11.0
867	745	Bass (aa)	800	808	● ..	26.9	3.3	12.0
50	42	Belhaven	44	46	● ..	1.4	3.1	13.7
155	127	Boddington	150	153	..	5.4	3.6	15.7
207	157	Buckleys	160	168	..	4.4	2.7	50.6
183	147	Bulmer (H P)	175	183	..	8.2	4.6	12.7
155	125	Burtonwood Brew	145	152	+1	4.0	2.7	24.1
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	360	370	..	13.7	3.9	12.2
372	292	Devenish (JA)	357	365	-1	4.1	1.1	31.8
221	175	Greenall Whitley	213	217	●	8.3	3.9	12.2
494	436	Greene King	465	475		9.3	2.0	24.1
333	271	Guinness (aa)	330	335	+6	17.6	3.8	11.0
710	655	Hardys & Hansons	700	720		20.5	4.2	13.3
129	76	Highland Dist	119	122		3.5	2.9	18.9
275	167	Invergordon Distl	267	277	+1	7.9	2.9	16.4
320	125	Irish Distl	310	320	●-4			
172	153	Marston Thompson	170	172	..	3.9	3.2	12.4
518	423	Morland	508	528	●	10.9	2.1	20.5
358	275	SA Breweries	310	330	●-5			
327	296	Scot & New (aa)	307	312	-3	11.3	3.6	17.2
584	483	Vaux Group	565	580	●-1	21.6b	3.9	17.0
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	296	300	-1	14.1	4.7	10.2
406	395	Do B	360	450	+70	13.7	3.4	13.8
379	274	Whitbread Inv	335	343	+4	12.3	3.6	38.4
403	350	Wolverhampton & D	398	405	● .	8.2	2.0	17.0
443	345	Young 'A'	430	450	●+10	12.0	2.7	25.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
276	143	Abbey	260	270	-5			
430	314	Amec	385	390	●+12	17.8	4.6	11.0
458	349	Anglia Sec	435	450	●-3	3.4	0.8	26.1
55	36	Anglia Utd	42	45	-1	1.4	3.2	81.5
155	90	Arncliffe	135	140		4.3	3.2	8.4
379	247	Atwoods	308	317	+8	8.9	2.9	17.7
309	246	BPB Ind (aa)	278	283	-5	9.6	3.4	12.2
379	280	Baggeridge Brick	308	318	+1	5.0	1.6	22.1
85	53	Bailey (Ben) Constr	70	73		1.9	2.6	14.9
216	170	Barratt Devs	175	178		12.6	7.1	11.6
268	181	Beazer	260	265	●-1	11.0	4.2	12.1
113	85	Bellwinch	100	105	+2	2.9	2.8	9.3
384	264	Berkeley Gp	340	347	+1	3.6	1.0	20.0
110	63	Bett Bros	105	115		4.8	4.4	25.3
400	329	Blockleys	385	405	●	8.9	2.2	30.7
445	423	Blue Circle (aa)	415	420	●+4	20.6	4.9	8.8
350	314	Bovis (Henry)	340	355		19.3	5.5	8.2
292	161	Breedon PLC	200	280	-5	8.7	3.2	28.7
357	309	Br Dredging	350	360	+10	6.9	4.4	34.2
142	135	Bryant	143	146		4.4	3.0	17.2
134	106	CRH	132	135	+1			
115	106	Cakebread Robey	105	115		5.1	4.6	18.0
335	258	Caradon	320	338	r-1	10.7	3.2	12.6
140	102	Church Charles	117	120	●	1.3	1.1	13.0
285	195	Condor Grp	340	360		7.5	2.1	12.0
150	112	Cosson PLC	137	144	+2	2.4	1.7	77.0
336	258	Costain	308	312	●	13.2	4.3	12.7
318	203	Countryside	303	312	-1	3.0	1.0	15.1
230	185	Crest Nicholson	213	217	-2	7.8	3.6	10.8

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
448	343	Atlantic Comp	347	350	● ..	9.6	2.7	[illegible]
132	77	Audio Fidelity	123	130	r-2	0.7	0.6	9.9
263	222	Auto Sec	240	245	+2	3.0	1.2	[illegible]
60	35	Beacon Gp	35	40	●	0.7	1.8	
45	32	Bennett & Fountain	35	37	● .	1.0	2.8	18.4
352	301	BICC (aa)	323	327	● .	17.8	5.5	14.9
91	67	BSR	61	64	+1	7.0	4.8	9.2
188	133	Black	180	187	-1	5.6	3.2	43.3
171	85	Borland	105	112	+2			
194	149	Bowthorpe	157	162	●-3	4.9b	2.9	17.3
218	174	Britannia Security	182	188	..	2.7	1.5	19.2
260	220	Br Telecom (aa)	233	240	-5	12.1	5.1	11.8
111	81	Brown Boveri Kent	88	92	●	4.1	4.5	23.0
24	13	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	14	17		0.1	0.6	27.1
303	191	CAP Group	287	297		2.6	0.9	28.7
104	53	CASE	85	90	-1	0.1	0.1	7.6
382	313	Cable Wireless (aa)	355	359	●-2	8.0	2.2	17.8
245	190	Cambridge Elec	220	229	+1	11.6	5.1	11.2
58	34	Cambridge Instr	49	51		1.0	2.0	9.5
60	47	Chloride	47	49		2.6	5.4	13.1
237	200	Cray Elect	202	212		3.7	1.8	12.5
183	141	Crystalate	158	162	-1	7.8	4.9	7.7
80	50	DDI Group	67	77	..	1.6	2.2	12.8
116	75	Dale Elec	94	99	..	5.1	5.3	20.0
63	38½	Dewhurst	56	61	.	1.9	3.2	13.3
56	37½	Do 'A'	47	52	●-2	1.9	3.8	11.3
348	278	Domino	280	290	..	3.8	1.3	14.2
64	53	Dowding & Mills	60	63	..	2.5	4.0	15.2
214	117	Dubilier	185	192	+2	4.1	2.2	10.9
271	176	Electrocomponents	211	215	●-4	5.3	2.5	16.7
139	97½	Elec Data Process	112	117	●	2.9	2.5	9.8
92	65	Electronic Mach	67	77	-1	1.2	1.7	87.8
448	367	Emess	444	452	+4	11.0	2.5	16.9
370	287	Eurotherm	365	375	+9	8.2	2.2	13.5
143	112	FKI Babcock (aa)	127	129	+1	3.1	2.4	10.5
181	147	Farnell Elect	155	160	● .	4.8	3.0	12.1
93	76	Ferranti (aa)	79	81	+½	2.8	3.5	11.2
60	50	Forward Tech	57	62		1.4	2.3	9.6
169½	142	GEC (aa)	145	147	●-1½	7.7	5.3	9.3
270	182	Hadland Group	216	223	+4	2.8b	1.2	38.5
71	46	Highland Elect	65	68	●-2	3.4	5.1	9.9
295	195	Hoskyns Gp	280	290	-8	3.2	1.1	25.6
65	43	ITL Go	47	52	-1	2.7	5.4	
210	150	Jones Stroud	170	190		7.2	4.0	11.8
385	328	Kode	366	378	..	21.2	5.7	17.2
372	250	Lec Refrigeration	365	375	..	18.5	5.0	10.3
61	37	Lite Scientific	53	56	+3			
325	237	Logica	312	320	-8	2.6	0.8	27.2
293	235	Macro 4	280	295	-2	4.5	1.6	25.9
247	173	Memec	222	230	-3	5.7	2.5	16.7
95	63	MBC	65	70	●-1	1.4	2.1	15.6
473	288	Microfilm Repro	465	480	● .	4.3	0.9	46.7
180	85	Micro Focus	138	148	-9			14.4
315	244	Microgen	275	282	+4	7.5	2.7	17.3
190	115	Mitel	115	120				
24¼	19¼	Molex	19⅝	20⅛				
79	43	Mentmore Elect	51	56	..	2.1e	3.9	40.6
44	20	Murray Elect	30	35	..	0.3	0.9	84.2
318	253	Newmark (Louis)	310	325	+5	19.6	6.2	15.3
110	88	NEI	89	91	●-1	7.0b	7.9	29.3
172	65	Norw Comp	67	74	..	3.4	4.8	17.5
24	16	Oceonics	15	17				3.2
248	199	Oxford Instruments	213	220	+13	3.4	1.6	7.9
232	135	PF International	198	208		4.9	2.4	14.5
69	47½	Pace	47	52	●	0.4	0.8	33.6
85½	79	Philips Fin 5⅜%	76	81	●	5/5	7.3	
8½	7	Philips Lamps N/V	8⅛		-⅛			
260	229	Plico	234	244		9.6	4.0	9.6
189	174	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	180	187		9.6	5.3	7.4
176	141	Plessey (aa)	154	157	●+1	8.9	5.7	8.8
163	117	Pressac	152	157		2.3	1.5	15.7
171	74	Quest Automation	88	95	+1	1.4	1.5	6.6
327	202	Racal Elect (aa)	312	314	-8	4.9	1.6	26.5
180	120	Ross	127	132		1.6	1.2	13.5
82	68	SD-Scicon	77	79	r-1	0.9	1.2	18.6

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
46	24	Sycamore	30	35	-1			
330	280	Syltone	273	310		14.3	4.9	15.8
200	164	T & N (aa)	166	169	●+2½	11.3	6.7	7.8
347	287	TI	313	317		13.7	4.3	11.2
203	148	TNT	194	199	●-1			
330	240	Tace	315	325	-5	13.7	4.2	12.9
142½	119½	[illegible]	123					
34	22	Talbex	29	30	+1			
188	104	Tefex	173	178	-1	8.9	3.9	18.9
153	109	Tex Hldgs	142	147	+2	7.2	5.0	20.4
295	268	Third Mile	290	300	●+5	4.4	1.5	23.4
108	82	Thomson T-Line	82	85	+2	0.8	1.0	..
259	218	Tomkins	230	233	+5	4.6	2.0	15.3
346	290	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	298	300	●-1	20.3	6.8	11.1
225	170	Transcontinental	175	185		9.8	5.3	10.8
239	205	Transport Dev	210	215	-2	11.6	5.4	11.5
40	27½	[illegible]	27	29	..	0.7	2.5	5.6
95	85	Triefus	90	95	● ..	4.1	4.4	17.6
197	147	Triplex Lloyd	188	192	-1	5.1	2.7	16.6
173	48	Unigroup	44	49	-1			9.1
514	433	Unilever (aa)	457	462	-6	10.8	3.6	11.3
46	27⅜	Unilever (NV)	30⅛		-¾			
28	21	Utd Guarantee	24	26	-2			89.3
568	438	VSEL	465	480	+2	12.3	2.6	11.1
24	15½	Varsize	23	25		0.4	1.7	16.2
177	148	Vickers	166	169	+2	9.3	5.5	10.6
163	140	Vinten	145	155	●-5	4.8	3.2	14.0
86	67½	Volkswagen	81		-1¼			
190	160	Vosper Thornycroft	165	170		10.3	6.1	9.5
208	158	Wade Potteries	163	178	-2	6.2	3.6	12.0
370	268	Wagon Ind	332	335	+12	14.4	4.5	12.8
122	51	Walker Greenbank	112	116	●-1	3.1	2.7	12.7
180	153	Warner Howard	160	170	●	4.0	2.4	17.1
107	61	Waterford Glass	105	107	●+3			13.8
236	175	Weir	230	239	+3	6.2	2.7	20.5
547	368	Wellcome (aa)	533	535	●-4	4.0	0.7	48.5
43	34	Wellman	35	37	+2			6.1
44	35	[illegible]	44					
328	296	[illegible]	309	318	..	5.5	1.8	13.7
120	86	Whessoe	100	105	● ..	1.3	1.3	9.1
84	73	[illegible]	77	79	..	2.3	2.9	22.7
299	267	Whitecroft	293	300		14.3	4.8	12.9
164	124	Wilkes (James)	178	185	+1	9.7	5.3	13.1
26½	17	[illegible]	19½	21	●-½	0.3	1.5	18.6
318	217	Williams Hldgs (aa)	285	290	+1	9.6	3.3	13.9
143	111	Wills Gp	109	114	-6	5.5	4.9	19.9
285	229	Wolseley	255	263		10.0	3.9	10.8
192	99	Wood (Arthur)	168	173	-2	4.8	2.8	17.2
127	85	Wood (SW)	115	120				65.6
222	153	Worcester	179	188		2.8	1.5	19.2
325	180	Wyndham Eng	197	227	+3	3.0	1.5	21.0
275	224	Yale & Valor	267	275	+2	10.0b	3.7	
153	110	Young (H)	150	156	+3	5.5	3.6	12.9

INSURANCE

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
315	227	Abbey Life (aa)	308	312	+12	14.0	4.5	.
13¼	9½	Alex & Alex	12	12½	●			
489½	353	[illegible]	442½		-5⅞			
15⅛	14⅞	Am Gen	15⅛					
243	208	Bradstock	215	220	-3	6.9	3.2	12.5
10½	943	Britannic	10⅝	10¾	●+⅛	57.5	5.3	
377	297	Com Union (aa)	373	377		21.3	5.7	14.2
275	156	FAI	190	200	-4			
939	798	Gen Accident (aa)	882	887	●-6	46.7	5.3	22.2
949	825	GRE (aa)	872	880	-2	54.7	6.2	25.4
426	362	Heath C E	412	420	-3	34.5	8.3	11.4
159	134	Hogg Rob & Gar	149	152	-3	5.5	3.7	90.0
298	250	Legal & Gen (aa)	282	285	-2	15.3	5.4	36.2
167	145	Lloyd Thompson	155	165		2.3	1.4	
307	237	London & Man	288	292	●+10	11.9	4.1	41.2

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
300	165	Hunting P S	180	190	..	12.0	6.5	11.9
26	16	KCA Drilling	22	24				6.1
77	40	Kelt Energy	51	54	-2			
453	271	LASMO (aa)	450	453	●+16	10.6e	2.3	40.4
195	140	Do Units	180	195		41.7	22.2	
28	13	Monnex	25	27				
28	16	New London Oil	16½	18½	+½			
67	27	Oil Search	58	62	-7			
64	47	Petrocon	58	65	+2	..		9.8
1⅞	1	Petrox	1⅛	1¼				
73	50½	Premier	68	69	+1	..	..	36.2
333	221	Ranger	310	315				
67½	59½	Royal Dutch	64⅛		●+½			
11	968	Shell (aa)	10⅛	10¼	-⅛	65.8	6.2	11.4
338	243	[illegible]	305	315		12.3	4.0	10.0
138	91	Sovereign	135	138	-1			36.1
17	12	TR Energy	11½	13½	-1½			12.3
15	5	Target	4	6				
180	118	Triton Europe	175	180				
316	173	Ultramar (aa)	295	298	-2	8.9	3.0	28.9
87	44	Woodside	85	88	+2			

OVERSEAS TRADERS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
53	33	Boustead	51	53	● ..	0.7	1.3	23.7
149	135	Chillington	139	145	● ..	9.3	6.5	14.2
100	75	Finlay (James)	85	89	-1	5.7	6.6	
649	548	Harrison Crosfield	620	629	●+1	34.7	5.6	13.3
318	155	Inchcape (aa)	301	304	-2			
253	186	Lonrho (aa)	243	245	-4	15.3	6.3	11.3
71	47	Ocean Wilson	52	57	●+2	3.3	6.0	18.6
332	305	Paterson Zoch	320	330	..	9.9	3.0	10.1
332	305	Do A	320	330	..	9.9	3.0	10.1
320	230	Polly Peck	299	304	-4	8.8	2.9	7.2
78	52	Sime Darby	75	80	+1			
108	71	Tozer Kemsley	98	101	● .	2.9	2.9	10.0

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
253	202	Abbott Mead	248	253	● .	6.2	2.5	12.7
103	35	Addison Cons	39	41	s	1.9	4.8	9.2
271	238	Assoc Paper	238	243	●+1	11.0	4.6	10.7
355	270	BPP	330	340	..	9.0	2.8	19.1
138	108	Barker (Charles)	123	128		4.5	3.6	21.0
215	180	Bemrose	208	212		13.7b	6.5	12.7
302	241	Boase Massimi	275	282	+3	10.7b	3.8	15.3
250	205	Brunning	220	230		5.1	2.3	56.4
180	127	Bunzl (aa)	138	141	●-1	6.9	4.9	13.5
820	653	Carlton Comm	782	785	-1	8.1	1.0	28.5
313	263	Chapman	270	295	+20	13.0	4.6	12.7
225	173	Cropper (James)	195	210	+5	2.4	1.2	10.3
407	357	DRG	385	390	-1	14.7	3.8	14.5
139	96	Davidson Pearce	135	140	+3	4.5	3.3	13.5
80	65	Delyn Packaging	73	78	●+1	1.5	2.0	14.6
306	261	Ferguson Ind	260	263	●	13.3	5.1	11.5
253	201	FKB	241	251	..	7.3	3.0	22.1
395	315	Fitch Design	373	383	r	10.7	2.8	13.5
57	33	Gears Gross	47	52	-1			13.6
268	224	Gold Greenless	255	262		5.9	2.3	15.8
402	335	Hunterprint	335	345	-10	9.7	2.9	14.8
307	255	KLP	295	305		6.9	2.3	16.0
87	67	[illegible]	85	88	+1			22.9
196	158	Lopex	183	188		6.9	3.7	13.0
409	326	Lowe HS & B	392	398	+1	13.7	3.5	13.2
190	150	MIL Research	145	155	●	4.4	2.9	11.5
226	175	More O'Ferrall	232	237	+2	9.9	4.2	11.6
153	126	Norton Opax	138	142	.	5.5	3.9	11.6
15⅛	12⅛	Ogilvy & Mather	14⅛					
190	128	Olives Paper	177	187	-3			

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
75	59	Stoddard	65	70	..	3.1	4.8	8.2
212	167	Textured Jersey	170	177	●+2	8.6	4.9	14.6
580	412	Tomkinsons	550	570	● .	10.7	1.9	15.2
127	93	Tootal	96	99	r ..	6.2	6.3	8.5
50	34	West Trust	42	47	r-2	..	..	15.2
240	195	Yorklyde	210	220	●	11.8	5.1	7.1

TOBACCOS

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
490	399	BAT (aa)	440	442	●-10	23.2	5.3	9.1
138	128	Carroll	125	140	..	..	..	..
444	365	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	438	440	+5	11.2	2.6	12.1

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.2	120.2●	+1.0	8.22
Hi Inc Equity	117.3	124.7	+0.3	4.77
Worldwide Bd	186.1	197.8●	-1.3	4.90
American Gth	145.1	154.3	+0.3	1.69
Asian Pacific	67.3	71.5	+0.1	0.99
Assets & Earns	136.3	144.9●	+0.8	1.93
Capital Res	79.0	78.4	+0.3	3.78
Comm Energy	100.6	107.0	+1.6	0.75
Euro Capital	70.1	74.5	+1.0	1.01
General	164.7	175.2	+0.7	2.57
Japan	96.7	102.8	-0.2	..
UK Gth Inc	126.1	134.1	+0.6	2.07
Do Acc	185.3	197.1	+0.9	1.41
US Emerg Co	41.8	44.4	-0.2	0.00
Income Gth	252.1	268.1●	+1.3	3.54
Master Acc	72.5	77.1●	+0.2	2.39
American Inc	42.3	44.9	-0.2	6.10
Ethical Tst	41.7	44.3●	+0.1	2.82
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 630070				
28, Chiswell St, London EC1Y 4TY Tel: 01-374 8801				
UK Growth	31.1	33.1	+0.1	3.17
N Amer Inc	24.0	25.5	..	4.88
World Gth	39.3	41.8●	+0.2	1.14
Extra Inc	37.9	40.2●	+0.1	4.92
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	38.7	41.2	..	2.24
Amer Extra Inc	35.9	38.2●	-0.2	5.86
Australian	22.8	24.4	..	1.41
Euro Tst	41.6	44.2	-0.1	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.5	25.1●	..	9.52
Global Income	35.6	37.9	..	5.10
Hi Income	53.3	56.8●	+0.2	5.38
Income Growth	65.5	69.7	+0.3	4.28
International	82.3	87.6	+0.1	0.61
Japan Gth	165.3	175.9	-0.7	0.01
Special Sits	63.1	67.2	+0.3	1.30
Formerly Atlanta UT Managers				
Japan Far East	68.4	72.7	-0.1	1.44
International	69.2	73.5	+0.3	2.05
Do Acc	90.4	96.1	+0.5	2.05
Hi Income	55.4	58.8	+0.3	5.89
Fund Invest	96.8	102.9	+0.3	2.47

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL				
Sht Gt Fxd Int	51.8	52.8	..	1.36
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	33.6	35.8s	-0.2	2.78
Income	43.0	45.8s	-0.4	4.20
Far East	29.3	31.2s	+0.2	0.20
Nth American	26.5	28.2s	..	0.72
Global	44.2	47.0	+0.3	0.73
European	38.7	41.2	+0.2	1.30
Japan	89.3	95.0	+0.5	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.4	53.7	+0.4	1.40
Do Acc	48.2	51.3	+0.1	3.35
Intl Currency	44.4	47.3	-0.2	5.90
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DE Tel: 01-588 0800				
Capital	394.3	420.9	+1.4	2.95
European S S	49.1	52.4	+0.5	3.11
Far East S S	50.9	54.3	+0.1	0.65
Gold Gen S S	54.7	58.3	+0.2	0.67
Income	344.3	367.5	+0.9	5.18
Intl Sp Sits	47.8	51.0	+0.3	2.01
Nth Amer	222.8	237.8	-1.3	2.01
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment	440.05		..	4.93
Fixed Int	146.15		..	9.78
Deposit	100.0		..	8.25
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	414.9		..	5.18
Acc	£13.0335		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	7.50
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS				
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-605 6822				
Man Retmnt	22.0	23.3	..	..
SC Special Sits	62.1	65.7●	..	0.41

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 76.5 (day's range 76.4-76.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for June 7

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8085-1.8140	1.8100-1.8110	0.15-0.10pr	0.49-0.44pr
Montrl	2.2254-2.2320	2.2275-2.2305	0.07-0.02ds	0.32-0.54ds
Amstrdm	3.4750-3.4887	3.4836-3.4874	1¾-1pr	4½-3¾pr
Brussels	64.65-65.05	64.80-64.96	16-7pr	50-36pr
Copnhgn	11.7947-11.8427	11.8124-11.8260	⅜pr-1⅛ds	1⅝pr-⅞ds
Dublin	1.1567-1.1628	1.1601-1.1611	13-7pr	46-34pr
Frankft	3.0938-3.1081	3.1046-3.1081	1⅝-1½pr	4¼-3⅞pr
Lisbon	253.28-254.87	253.33-254.38	40-79ds	16½-66ds
Madrid	204.33-205.34	204.56-205.04	16-37ds	51-78ds
Milan	2300.41-2310.13	2303.95-2307.67	1-5ds	6-13ds
Oslo	11.3099-11.3484	11.3148-11.3301	3⅜-5⅞ds	11⅝-13¼ds
Paris	10.4613-10.5040	10.4880-10.4993	1¾-½pr	2⅝-2⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.8328-10.8596	10.8365-10.8443	1⅛-2½ds	3⅝-5⅛ds
Tokyo	227.30-228.11	227.61-227.91	1⅛-⅞pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Vienna	21.73-21.86	21.79-21.82	8⅝-7¼pr	26¼-23½pr
Zurich	2.5771-2.5897	2.5865-2.5897	1½-4⅛ds	3-3½ds

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17.9770-18.0777
Australia dollar	2.2747-2.2775
Bahrain dinar	0.6805-0.6845
Brazil cruzado*	297.92-298.58
Cyprus pound	0.8130-0.8230
Finland marka	7.3575-7.3975
Greece drachma	247.25-249.25
Hong Kong dollar	14.1637-14.1735
India rupee	24.53-24.73
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4985-0.5005
Malaysia ringgit	4.6744-4.6789
Mexico peso	4065-4165
New Zealand dollar	2.6079-2.6132
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.7850-6.8050
Singapore dollar	3.6567-3.6606
S Africa rand (fin)	5.2858-5.4078
S Africa rand (com)	4.0400-4.0460
U A E dirham	6.6250-6.6650

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5610-1.5625	Denmark	6.5230-6.5280	Italy	1273.0-1274.0
Singapore	2.0180-2.0190	W Germany	1.7133-1.7140	Belgium (Com)	35.81-35.86
Malaysia	2.5795-2.5805	Switzerland	1.4255-1.4265	Hong Kong	7.8145-7.8155
Australia	1.2547-1.2555	Netherlands	1.9230-1.9240	Portugal	140.10-140.50
Canada	1.2313-1.2323	France	5.7875-5.7925	Spain	113.15-113.25
Sweden	5.9840-5.9890	Japan	125.68-125.78	Austria	12.05-12.06
Norway	6.2520-6.2570				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8½ Finance Hse 9½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 7 Low 2 Week fixed: 7½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 8³⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 8⅛
Selling: 2 mth – 8¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 8⅛
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 8⅛-8¹⁄₁₆
2 mth: 8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 8½-8⅜ 6 mth 8⅝-8½
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 8
2 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 9⅛ 6 mth 9⅜
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 7½ close 3
1 week: 7⅞-7¾ 1 mth: 8⅛-8¼ 3 mth: 8⅝-8¹¹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 9-8¹⁵⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 9⅛-9⅜ 12 mth: 9⁷⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 7 7 day: 7⅞ 1 mth: 8⅛
3 mth: 8⅝ 6 mth: 9 12 mth: 9½
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8⅛-7⅞ 2 mth: 8⅝-8⅜ 3 mth: 8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁷⁄₁₆
6 mth: 9¹⁄₁₆-8¹³⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 9⁵⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁵⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 8⅜-8¼
3 mth: 8⅜-8⅝ 6 mth: 8¹⁵⁄₁₆-8⅞ 12 mth 9¼-9⅛
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 7.45-7.40
3 mth: 7.55-7.50 6 mth: 7.70-7.65 12 mth 8.15-8.10

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 31, 1988. Agreed rates June 26, 1988 to 25, July 1988. Scheme I: 9.37 per cent. Schemes II & III: 9.39 per cent. Reference rate April 30, 1988 to May 31, 1988. Scheme IV: 8.114 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	7⅝-7½	7½-7⅜	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅞-7¾
Call: 7⅝-6⅝				
Deutschemark:	2⅞-2¾	3⁷⁄₁₆-3⁵⁄₁₆	3⅝-3½	3⅞-3¾
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				
French Franc:	7¼-7¹⁄₁₆	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆	7½-7³⁄₁₆	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆
Call: 7½-6½				
Swiss Franc:	2⅜-2½	2¹³⁄₁₆-2¹¹⁄₁₆	2⅝-2⅞	2¹⁵⁄₁₆-3³⁄₁₆
Call: 2-1				
Yen:	3¹¹⁄₁₆-3⁹⁄₁₆	4⅛-4	4⅛-4½	4⅝-4⅜
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $463.00-463.50 Close: $463.25-463.75
High: $464.50-465.00 Low: $462.25-462.75

COINS: **Per coin (Ex VAT)**
Britannia: $477.00-482.00 (£263.00-266.00)
Krugerrand: $462.00-465.00 (£265.00-267.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $477.00-482.00 (£263.00-266.00)
American Eagles: $477.00-482.00 (£263.00-266.00)
New Sovereigns: $109.00-110.00 (£60.00-60.75)
Old Sovereigns: $109.00-110.50 (£60.00-61.60)
Platinum: $615.10 (£339.20)
Palladium: $132.90 (£73.30)
Silver: $7.32-7.34 (£4.040-4.055)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 31764		
Jun 88	91.11	91.19	91.08	91.19	2545
Sep 88	90.50	90.62	90.50	90.61	10427
Dec 88	90.37	90.48	90.37	90.48	836
Mar 89	90.29	90.39	90.29	90.39	303
Jun 89	90.23	90.25	90.23	90.25	12
Sep 89	90.18	90.18	90.18	90.18	3
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 42151		
Jun 88	92.33	92.34	92.31	92.33	973
Sep 88	91.93	91.93	91.89	91.92	2987
Dec 88	91.60	91.60	91.56	91.58	639
Mar 89	91.40	91.41	91.37	91.38	159
Jun 89	NT	—	—	91.22	0
Sep 89	NT	—	—	91.09	0

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 2479		
Jun 88	87-28	87-28	87-23	87-26	74
Sep 88	86-31	87-00	86-20	86-28	5498
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 35167		
Jun 88	120-23	120-27	120-19	120-23	1111
Sep 88	96-15	96-20	96-08	96-14	15167
Dec 88	NT	—	—	95-18	0
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 11136		
Jun 88	183.10	183.20	181.30	181.50	1976
Sep 88	184.20	184.30	182.50	182.55	779
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 279		
Sep 88	105.95	105.98	105.80	105.81	495
Dec 88	105.35	105.35	104.95	105.04	41

COMMODITIES

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Crude prices continued to move in a generally sideways direction ahead of the next set of API statistics. In the North Sea Ninian was heard at slightly improved prices compared to paper references. Products showed a decline of a dollar across the board.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.20	-10
15 day Jun	16.20	-10
15 day Jul	16.45	-5
WTI Jul	17.40	
WTI Aug	17.50	

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
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Prem Gas .15	-1	194-196	-1
Gasoil EEC	-1	140-142	-1
Non 1H Jun	-1	140-141	
Non 2H Jul	-1	139-140	-1
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	74-76	
Naphtha	-1	163-165	-1

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Jul 88 Hi 1249-1200 Low Close 1242.0
Oct 88 Hi 1350-1310 Low Close 1340.0
Jan 89 Hi 1372.5-1345Low Close 1364.0
Apr 89 Hi ——— Low Close 1395.0
Vol 381 lots Open interest 2243
Dry cargo index 1288.0 –7.5 on 6/6/88

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Jun	142.00-41.75
Jul	139.75-39.50
Aug	141.00-40.75
Sep	142.50-42.25
Oct	143.25-43.00
Nov	145.00-43.75
Dec	147.00-46.00
Jan	147.00-44.50
Feb	147.00-44.75
Vol	7115

HVY FUEL OIL Reuter

Jun	unq....
Jul	
Vol	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	92.00	92.00
Feb	100.50	99.50
Apr	138.50	138.70
May	148.80	147.80
		Vol 229

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Jul 924-923 May 1013-1012
Sep 945-944 Jul 1033-1030
Dec 972-971 Sep 1051-1050
Mar 996-995 Vol 4301

COFFEE G W Joynson
Jul 1155-1153 Mar 1195-1190
Sep 1164-1163 May 1205-1200
Nov 1172-1171 Jul 1215-1200
Jan 1180-1178 Vol 4285

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2512
Aug 230.0-29.8 Mar 224.0-23.8
Oct 226.0-25.8 May 223.2-23.0
Dec 228.0-25.4 Aug 224.6-22.6

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 432
Jl 106.45 Sp 106.00 Nv 108.80
Ja 110.15 Mr 112.20 My 114.65
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 232
Sp 101.50 Nv 103.75 Ja 106.20
Mr 108.35 My 110.75

SOYABEAN
Jun 170.00 BYR Feb 179.0-76.5
Aug 173.0-72.0 Apr 180.0-77.0
Oct 173.5-72.5 Jun 178.5 LT
Dec 176.5-74.5 Vol 471

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1471.0-1472.0	1254.0-1256.0	486425	Steady/
Copper Stand	1275.0-1300.0	1215.0-1225.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	370.00-371.00	350.00-351.00		
Zinc Hi Gde	771.00-775.00	704.00-705.00	59700	Steadier/
Silver Large†	722.00-723.00	735.00-736.00	93525	Firmer/
Silver Small†	722.00-723.00	735.00-736.00	43	Quiet/
Aluminium	2120.0-2130.0	1484.0-1485.0	4	Quiet/
Aluminium Hi*	3645.0-3865.0	2720.0-2740.0	392675	Easier/
Nickel*	15400-15450	14150-14200	38125 6666	Quiet Steadier/

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jun	91.00	91.00
Aug	90.30	89.10
Oct	93.00	93.00
Nov	93.50	93.50

Live Cattle Contract

Jun	unq....	—
Jul	—	—
Aug	—	—

Vol Pig-8 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on June 7

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	69.40	238.82	116.53
GB (+/-)	-0.16	+13.96	+3.07
Eng/Wal (%)	-10.9	+20.8	-3.39
Eng/Wal (p)	69.20	239.30	115.20
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-0.37	+14.05	+2.54
Scotland (%)	-0.2	+13.0	-4.84
Scotland (p)	70.49	230.39	120.45
Scotland (+/-)	+0.97	+11.92	+4.67

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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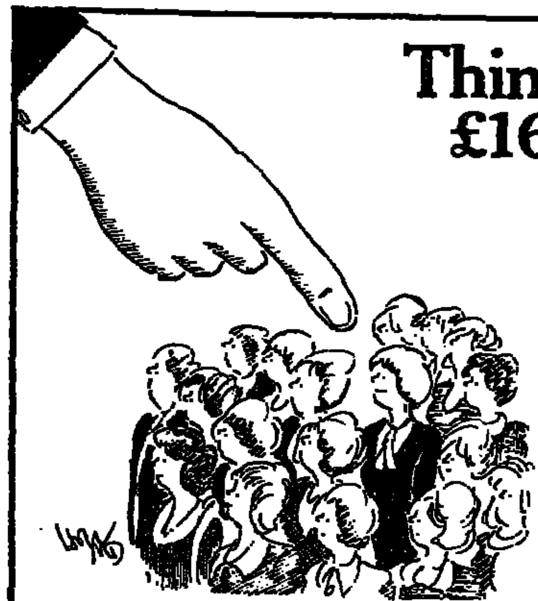

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ESTATE-AGENTS - Kings Road. An excellent opportunity exists for a newly qualified secretary to join this large, well-known firm. Working for the Marketing and Training Managers, there is ample opportunity to learn, become involved and prove yourself. Your varied duties will include typing correspondence, helping out on reception, handling telephone enquiries and liaising with offices all over London. Charm, the ability to think ahead and skills of 50/WP are essential for this interesting position. Salary £8,000. Please call 434 4512 Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants

FREE Travel. Well-known car company in the West End is looking for an intelligent secretary who can work independently and liaise with financial institutions. Working for 2 finance executives who thrive on hard work! Excellent English. A little knowledge of accounts is of great advantage. Will consider mature college leaver. Must have WP experience. Age: 20-30. Salary: c.£10,000. Tel: International Secretaries (Rec Cons) 01-491 7100.

FRENCH spkg Sec/Admin + accounting knowledge for retail Co. W1. c£11,000. Link Language Appts. 01-408 2150.

FRENCH Marketing PA. Fabulous opp. to join this promotions Dept. Travel to France, attend launches and no SH! 22-26. £10,000 + bens. The Language Specialists. Merrow Emp. Agy. 01-636 1487.

GERMAN/French Translator/ Admin for major NW Co. Gd typing. 28-40 c£12,000 Link Language Appts 01-408 2150.

GERMAN/ French/ English senior PA. 26+. £14,000. Language Staff 01-485-8922.

GERMAN in Tunbridge Wells - Bilingual PA for responsible & busy PR Co. assisting the Editorial Director. Lots of admin duties although S/H & WP are nec. £ a.a.e. Cavell Rec Cons 01-631 3664.

GERMAN Artistry - Bi-ling Snr Sec. to MD. Excl org skills + ability to work on own initiative & liaise at all levels essential for this challenging post. 25-35 £13,500. The Language Specialists. Merrow Emp. Agy. 01-636 1487.

HAMMERSMITH - £11,000. Join this International Information Systems Company working primarily for the dynamic Sales and Marketing Director. Your duties will include liaising with the sales force, arranging meetings, assisting with annual sales launch together with providing excellent secretarial support (90/50). As a new position, this role may be adapted to suit the candidate and provide scope for added responsibility and onward promotion. If you are aged between 21-26, have initiative and a cheerful and enthusiastic manner, please call 434 4512 Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants.

INTERNATIONAL Company. Involved with airlines offer £10,500 + 5 weeks holiday to a young, ambitious, personality PA/Sec who is computer orientated and numerate. Must be intelligent and on the ball to work with bright, enthusiastic colleagues in lovely offices in Hammersmith. Promotion prospects in expanding company. Good typing and WP exp ess. Age 19-23. Call Sam Hembrough, King & Toben Recruitment Consultants 01 629 9648.

ISLINGTON - £12,500 - Excellent opening for a bright, lively, enthusiastic self - starter with this young, friendly firm of Solicitors. Working alongside a charming, sociable Partner, involved in commercial conveyancing, your role will include handling many delegated responsibilities:- including extensive client liaison: overseeing office administration etc. Attention to detail and confident secretarial skills (shorthand useful) essential. A legal background preferable, not vital. Age 25+. Attractive benefits. Call 01-493-5787. Gordon Yates Consultants.

ITALIAN spkg Sec/Pa + gd organising/admin skills for Intl' Co. £10,500 neg. Link Language Appts. 01-408 2150.

ITALIAN: Young Secretary with English shorthand, to work for the management of Italian bank. An excellent bilingual start to a City career. Good salary plus Banking benefits. Multilingual Services (Recruitment Consultants) 01-836 3794/5.

ITALIAN Bi-Ling. Receptionist (typ. 35 wpm) for friendly City Co. 18-25 £8,000 v. neg + Excl. perks. The Language Specialists, Merrow Emp. Agy. 01-636 1487.

ITALIAN Bi-Ling. Secs. We have a number of vacancies from Jnr.to Snr. level throughout London. Sals. to £12,000 + bens. Call The Language Specialists, Merrow Emp. Agy. 01-636 1487.

MAYFAIR - Office Admin /Secretary £11,000 + Run the office, operate WP and most importantly look after the partners in small expanding West End property practice. 408 1114.

MEDICAL interests at heart? A well known medical insurance co are looking for a friendly, enthusiastic secretary to work in one of their more unusual departments. Working for 3 in a happy atmosphere you can become involved providing full sec and admin support. Some figure work required, but no shorthand. 60 wpm typing + good telephone manner essential. Hours 9-5. Salary to £9,000 + benefits. Please call 437 6032 Hobstones Recruitment Consultants.

OFFICE Manager / P.A. NW1 - Film processing laboratory servicing leading London Photographers requires self starter with good organisational skills to manage: sales and purchase ledgers, correspondence, word processor, typing, stock control, etc., with a pleasant unflappable manner. Experience an advantage. Salary £10,000 - £12,500 p.a. neg. Contact Ceri Rhiannon on 485 5848.

NORTH ACTON - c.£11,500. Sales Administrator/Secretary. Make a vital contribution to the Sales and Marketing Department of this successful Wine Company as you co-ordinate and monitor the sales force to provide the best possible service to customers. Your varied duties will include liaison with customers, the production of monthly sales analyses, arranging wine tastings and other PR events, making hotel and travel arrangements and typing correspondence and reports. An enthusiastic, flexible approach, sense of humour and skills of audio/50/WP essential. Knowledge of French/Italian helpful. Age 20+. Please call 434 4512 Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants

ORGANISATION is the key word in this challenging and involving role. Plan ahead, meet deadlines, organise diary and day-to-day activities. Use initiative, draft correspondence and control office in absence of this busy executive. If this sounds like your ideal next move and you have a good education, excellent skills including basic WP. Contact Anthony Cook Bureau (Rec). 01 248 3404/3403/3329 for further details. Salary £11,500.

PA / Sec £10,500 plus free air travel for Int. Airline Co., W8. Tel: PPS Recruitment 995 2315.

PERSONNEL Administrator with 60 wpm typing, is needed by a large retail company. The varied duties include administration of the company medical and management training scheme and maintaining all personnel files. Salary £11,000 + benefits. For furthur information phone Barbara Gowers, Meridian (Rec. Cons) 01-258 1555.

PERSONNEL Secretary £11,200 (review Sept) + benefits. Providing admin. and secretarial support to a Manager and his small team who coordinate all personnel matters for expatriate staff of this large *international* firm. Age 25+ with fast typing / WP skills. Please call 01-629-7262. Secretarial Appointments.

PERSONNEL? to £12,500 and excellent benefits including 5 weeks holiday. Use your first-class secretarial skills (100/60/WP) to work as Personal Assistant/Secretary to the charming Financial Director AND assume responsibility for all personnel administration for this successful W1-based company. Personal records, BUPA, company cars, maternity, sickness allowances and holiday entitlement are just some of the matters assigned to you in this responsible and varied role. A cheerful disposition and enthusiastic, flexible approach essential to become part of this friendly and committed team. Age 27 - 45. Superb offices. Please call 434 4512 Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants.

PA to Partner in large WC1 Estate Agency. 70% admin. Inc office management & some personnel. £11,500 + bens. Woodhouse Rec Cons 01 404 4646.

PERSONNEL: Are you hoping that your next secretarial role will involve you in a more stimulating and fulfilling capacity? If so, we have a rare and exciting opportunity to join the Personnel Department of popular *and happy* firm of brokers in EC2. Due to reorganisation, they need a bright, assertive and friendly secretary to look after a busy managerial team of two. The high administrative content of the job will include research for project work and responsibility for the medical centre where interest and concern in staff welfare is essential. Good skills (90/50/WP). age 25-30. Salary c£11,000 + benefits including free lunch and Sports & Social Club. Please call 247 4364 Hobstones Recruitment Consultants.

PR Consultancy Hammersmith, £10,000, requires a confident, enthusiastic sec/admin assistant to get involved in all aspects of their hectic business. Marvellous opportunity to get on in the world of PR. Good accurate typing and WP knowledge. Typehouse Rec Cons 01-870 0656.

PROFESSIONAL Astrologer requires a very efficient and reliable secretary to run the administration of his expanding business in Clapham. Shorthand not required. Must be non smoking and able to work on their own. £10,000. Telephone Robert Currey 01-675 0297.

PROPERTY Company in Chelsea require efficient, experienced secretary who has initiative to run their office. Age 25-35. Good salary for right applicant. Applications with full C.V. to:- Louise Bale, 2, York House, Turks Row, London SW3 4TH.

PROPERTY - £12,000. West End property development company requires an experienced, numerate, highly skilled secretary for this new Director. If you have an interest in property, enjoy using the latest technology, as well as your initiative, there is plenty of scope to develop the role. Accept this challenge and call Anthony Cook Bureau on 01 248 3404/3403/3329.

PUBLICATIONS Secretary c£10,000 to assist small editorial team within a major PR agency in Chelsea. Would suit young second jobber with fast typing / WP skills. Very pleasant working environment. Please call 01-629-7262. Secretarial Appointments.

PUBLISHING - £10,000. Unique opportunity exists to join this small successful firm of Literary Agents based in SW3 as Secretary to their Managing Director. Your charm, efficiency and good organisational abilities will be fully utilised as you become involved in all aspects of this exciting business including reading literary reviews in the national media, updating catalogues and records, liaising with authors and publishers as well as providing general secretarial support. The successful candidate will have an avid interest in publishing and literature, be flexible, team-spirited and cheerful. 'A' level education preferred. Good skills (80/50/WP) essential. Age 20-26. Please call 434 4512 Crone Corkill Recruitment Consultants

PUPPETS on TV. A famous international TV company, based in fascinating Hampstead offices, are looking for a bright, switched-on, capable secretary to assist their Director of Sales. He is very successful and very busy, so your sense of humour, flexibility and ability to cope will be essential. The atmosphere is great fun, and you will enjoy your involvement and responsibilities in this high profile set-up. Sec skills 90/50 plus w.p. experience required. Hrs 9.30 - 6.00. Age 22+. Salary £ 9,300 with early review. Please call 437 6032 Hobstones Recruitment Consultants.

QUICK off the mark and thrive on pressure? Working for a progressive and forward thinking American Finance House with stunning offices in Victoria, you'll find the pace of life stimulating and the financial rewards terrific! Based at the back of the dealing floor and working with a small group, your duties will include departmental admin, sec support and shielding your constantly busy and sought after bosses. If you have skills of 80/60 and are enthusiastic, confident and capable, your starting salary could be up to £13,000 + full banking benefits. Age 19-26. please call 437 6032 Hobstones Recruitment Consultants.

RECEPTION £11k. Busy & young, lots org. 45 typ. Mayfair. 584 3222. T M Int. Rec. Cons.

RECEP/Sec in creative video £7,700. Fulham based audio visual co. are looking for an enthusiastic, confident and very presentable recep/sec to join their busy team. Lots of client liaison, interesting and varied work, good accurate typing/ WP experience and an ability to use own initiative. Typehouse Rec Cons 01-870 0656.

RECEPTIONIST for the property division of a prestigious British conglomerate. An immaculate appearance is needed to compliment the beautiful decor of the reception area. Knowledge of Monarch switchboard and a helpful and friendly attitude are required. Age 20 +. Salary £8,500 + great benefits. Leslie Glogau. The Boardroom (Rec Con) 493 4459.

RECEPTIONIST Secretary required for young design studio/workshop in Clapham. Salary £8,000 - £9,000 a.a.e. Phone Lesley on 622-4138.

SALES Conference/College Leaver to £8,000 5 weeks hols. The UK Sales Manager of this International Fine Art Publishing House seeks an efficient secretary/co-ordinator to effectively liaise between 15 sales representatives and many important new clients. You should have excellent secretarial skills, a sound educational background and a strong interest in helping to organise 3 to 4 Sales Conferences per year. Tel: Stella Fisher (Rec Cons) 01-836 6644

SECRETARY to run office for 2 doctors in Harley St area. Would suit ex SRN who can type or secretary with medical experience. 9.30-3.30 Monday to Friday. Must be reliable and able to start on Monday 27th June. Salary £7,000pa. Phone 935 2723.

SECRETARY £12-14k to Director, Human Resources, good SH & WP. SW1 Beverage Group. Woodhouse Rec Cons 01-404 4646.

SECRETARY needed for busy production company, Soho. Shorthand/WP experience essential. Energetic 25 years plus, start late June. Write + send full CV to BOX C44.

SPORTS Promotion - £9,000 - Brilliant opportunity offered for a lively, bright self-starter with this high-profile Sports Promotion Company. As a key member of a small, friendly team you will get involved in major British and European events: organising hotel bookings; co-ordinating travel, TV and radio coverage; etc. Excellent communication skills essential - you will be liaising with VIP clients and suppliers. Confident, accurate typing requested. Age 20+. Call 01-493-0713. Merryweather Advertising & Selection.

SWEDISH to £13,000 plus benefits. Marketing Manager of City based Bank is seeking a bright secretary with fluent Swedish to assist him and his two colleagues. There is alot of client contact so a good telephone manner is essential: and the opportunity exists to make use of your translation skills. Accurate typing, rusty shorthand and WP. Tel Bilinguasec on 01 493 6446 (Rec Cons)

SWEET smell of success when you join an international fragrance house with modern, designer offices in W6. Two delightful fun young Account Executives will teach you all aspects of their work and although you need 80/60 for secretarial support, part of your duties include spending days out of the office assisting with market research, helping to evaluate fragrances and getting to know clients and subsequent liaison. If your confident on the telephone, thrive on being busy and very much involved, your starting salary is c£11,000 + regular bonuses and interesting benefits including free hairdressing and 25 days holidays. Age 20-35. Please call 437 6032 Hobstones Recruitment Consultants.

US BANK. Secretary /Trading Assistant £20k. German and/ or French. 584 3222. T M Rec. Cons.

VICTORIA Part-time Receptionist. £5,000 + £1,300 towards lunch. Meeting/greeting clients and visitors and looking after busy Herald switchboard. Hours 1.30-6.00. Please ring Jo Toben. King & Toben Recruitment. 01 629 9648.

WONDERFUL World of Colour - £10,000 - Unpretentious, friendly Production company, supplying conference facilities: slides, graphics, design; voiceovers; etc seeks a bright enthusiastic self-starter. As a key member of a small, easy going team you will provide secretarial back-up (90/50): help out with admin: organising deliveries: pasting up with the designers: etc. General all-round interesting role in lovely offices and very genial environment. Age 19-23. Call 01-493 0713 Merryweather Advertising & Selection.

PERSONAL

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CONTRACTS & TENDERS

CITY OF WESTMINSTER MATERIAL SUPPLY DIVISION

The City of Westminster's computing facility is currently based on an IBM 3090-200E with a total of 50Gb DASD. This is provided as two strings of double-density and one of single-density drives, with all storage directors having cache.

The council invites tenders for the enhancement of DASD capacity from 50 to 70 Gb, whilst maintaining or improving the current pysical and performance characteristics.

Any companies wishing to be considered for Tenders should send a company profile, recent trading information and company accounts to:

Mr A. Moyle
City of Westminster
Material Supply Division
City Hall
Victoria Street
London SW1E 6QP

All requests for tenders should be submitted to the above address by 22nd June 1988.

IN THE MATTER OF
DLG DIPLODGE LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I was appointed liquidator of the above company by the creditors on 26 May 1988.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named company are required, on or before 15 July 1988, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, and full particulars of their debts or claims to the undersigned, Laurence Josef Baehr, of Clark Whitehill & Co. 25 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3LN, the liquidator of the said company, and, if so required in writing from the said liquidator, are, personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 1st day of June 1988
L J BAEHR
LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
THE INSOLVENCY RULE 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
In the matter of Slidetalk Limited
High Court 006387 of 1987
Notice is hereby given that I Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London, NW9 0BS, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 20th April 1987.
Melvyn L. Rose, F.C.A., F.C.C.A., Liquidator

LANDS TRIBUNAL ACT, 1949
IN A MATTER OF A NOTICE OF *REFERENCE*
Between Barbara Ann Johnson
Claimants and
Eugene Joseph Johnson
V
Wrexham Maelor Borough Council
Acquiring Authority

The Registrar on the 27th. April, 1988 ordered in pursuance of Rule 59 of the Lands Tribunal Rules that service of the Notice of Reference on the claimant Eugene Joseph Johnson shall be affected by substituted service on him by placing an advertisement in a newspaper and the notice of reference is therefore set out below.

NOTICE OF REFERENCE
Rule 16(1)
To: The Registrar.
Lands Tribunal

Description of Land, hereditament or other property to which this reference relates - 2 Campbell Street, Rhosllanerchrugog, Wrexham in the Country of Clwyd

We Wrexham Maelor Borough Council, The Guildhall, Wrexham, Clwyd (being the authority liable for the payment of compensation (if any) in respect of the land or property described above) hereby apply for the determination by the Lands Tribunal of the question of which particulars are set out below

All communications regarding this reference shall be addressed to our Solicitor, Ian Kinloch, LL.M., B.A., Director of Administration and Legal Services, of The Guildhall, Wrexham, Clwyd.

PARTICULARS

Name and address of compensating authority - Wrexham Maelor Borough Council, The Guildhall, Wrexham, Clwyd

Name and addresses of Claimants - Eugene Joseph Johnson address unknown, Barbara Ann Johnson, 16 Wadborough Road, Sheffield.

Nature of question, dispute or case to be determined by the Lands Tribunal - Compensation

Enactment(s) conferring jurisdiction on the Lands Tribunal - Land Compensation Act, 1961

Nature of Compensation claimed - site value

Estate or interest in respect of which compensation is claimed - freehold

Where compensation is claimed for compulsory purchase, whether the acquiring authority has entered upon the land or possession has been given to the authority - Yes

If so, on what date - 27th November, 1979

Whether the party by whom this notice is signed propose to call an expert witness to give evidence - Yes

Dated 10th March, 1988
Signed Ian Kinloch, LL.M., B.A.

QUALITIWORK HOLDINGS LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act, 1986, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace (Second Floor), London W2 6LF, on Tuesday the 14th day of June 1988 at 10.30 a.m. for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
Philip Monjack, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Leonard Curtis & Co., whose address is above, will provide the creditors free of charge with such information as to the Company's affairs as the creditors may reasonably require until the 13th June, 1988.
Dated the 27th day of May 1988
E J KAFTON - DIRECTOR

Notice of appointment of liquidator
(Members)(Creditors)
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 600 of the Companies Act 1985
Company number: 1479626. Name of Company: Javed Global Radio & TV Limited. Address of registered office: 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex LG2 OPA. Liquidators name and address: Richard Andrew Segal, 18 Denehurst Gardens, Woodford Wells, Essex, IG8 OPA. Date of appointment: 26th May 1988. By whom appointed: Members & Creditors.
Dated: 1 June 1988
R A Segal - Liquidator

RE: SUPREME TRANSPORT LTD AND
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Royal Scot Hotel, 100 Kings Cross Road, London WC1, on Thursday the 16th June 1988, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 9 Gibbsfield, Bishops Stortford, Herts between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm as from Tuesday the 14th June 1988.
Dated this 1st day of June 1988
CLIFFORD R KERSEY - DIRECTOR

WILDATA (UK) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 (1) of the Insolvency Act, 1986 tha a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Columbia House, 69 Aldwych, London WC2B 4DY, on Wednesday the 15th day of June 1988 at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Notice is also given, pursuant to Section 98 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge at the offices of Kidsons, Columbia House, 69 Aldwych, London WC2B 4DY on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
By Order of the Board
Dated this 1st day of June 1988
D. Moe - Director

RE: PLANT FABRICATORS LTD
AND
- The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Royal Scot Hotel, 100 Kings Cross Road, London WC1, on Wednesday the 15th June 1988, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 281 BR Goods Department, High Road, Leytonstone, London E11 between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm as from Monday the 13th June 1988.
Dated this 1st day of June 1988
R V ALBON - DIRECTOR

LONDON PROPERTIES

NORTH OF THE THAMES

KENSINGTON Chatsworth Court. Charming 2 bed apt., only £144,500.
KENTON Court. W14. 1 bed apt. £99,500.
NORTH END HOUSE W14. large 2 bed apts. from £148,750.
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ST PAULS COURT, W14 (Off Gliddon Rd). A newly mod 3 bed townhse with gdn and pkg. £180,000 (For quick sale).
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End of terrace Grade 2 listed Georgian house set in attractive square in conservation area. Many original features. 3-4 bedrooms, bathroom, 1-2 receptions, original fireplaces throughout. Kitchen, utility room. Patio area. Offers great potential for further modernisation. Freehold £267,000.

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Mr. Maurini

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Tel: 01-486 2975 (eve); 01-935 0151 ref:1 (day).

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ALSO

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County land passes £1m

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

While the battle between the developers on one side and the planners and conservationists on the other rages on over the availability of building land in the South-East, the price inevitably continues to rise.

The latest example of the upward spiral, in turn pushing up house prices, comes from the southern part of Buckinghamshire. Two months ago the agents Raffety Buckland reported the sale of a plot of building land for £1 million an acre. Now another site has set a new level of £1.176 million an acre.

The site of 0.85 acres is known as the Old School at Stokenchurch. It is seven miles from High Wycombe and was sold at auction for exactly £1 million. There is planning permission for nine two-bedroom flats, six one-bedroom flats and six three-bedroom terrace houses.

James Hillier, a Raffety Buckland director, who conducted the auction, said the sale two months ago of sites at Chalfont St Peter and High Wycombe, both for £1 million an acre, had set a record for that part of the country. He said the latest price provided a "vivid demonstration of the on-going, insatiable demand by developers for residential land in the area".

He said: "It is bound to fuel the upward spiral of house prices. Yet it seems the eagerness of people to live and work in this area means they will pay the price. There is so little building land available in south Bucks that the developers are being forced to pay these premium prices."

Mr Hillier said prices such as these must put even greater pressures on areas of low-class farming land to be taken out of agricultural production.

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Details are available from Brown & Merry (0296 88111).

Rob Clarke, Royco's chairman and managing director, said: "With the careful use of layout, we are re-creating the family atmosphere of an Edwardian village. Because of the spectacular backdrop of Watermead's lakes and parkland, we knew we had to build houses of exeptional quality and design to match the environment."

He added that the price of houses was determined by market forces, such as the mortgage rate, shortage of supply, level of incomes and ambition of the purchaser, rather than the land price. The high cost of land meant that developers had to reduce their profit margins, but the builders of new houses had to compete against older houses.

Market forces have strongly influenced a different development, Burrell's Wharf on the Isle of Dogs in London Docklands. The scheme was launched last October, a few days after the stock market crash, and not surprisingly it did not attract the expected buyers.

Prices — and the market — in Docklands then stayed still. They are on the move again now, and Burrell's Wharf, on the site where Brunel's *Great Eastern* was built in the 1850s, is being relaunched next week.

Keith Preston, head of the developers, Kentish Homes, had hoped to pick up on last year's market hype and was unlucky.

"We have learnt from it, and used it as a test bed to find out what people wanted," he said. "People said the trouble with the Isle of Dogs was the lack of infrastructure and the problem of what to do in the evenings.

"So we have doubled the number of shops from 10 to 20, and we have expanded the leisure centre to become what we think will be the best health and leisure club in England, to help the social fabric. It will be a members-only club, with the owners automatic members, but it will be open to outsiders. Membership is at £750 to £1,000."

The Island Club will have a 20-metre-long swimming pool, a restaurant overlooking it, and a brasserie, a bar, a library and a billiards room.

Prices for the 340 apartments range from £87,995 for a studio to £339,995 for a penthouse overlooking the river, and they are due for completion in the autumn next year.

100,000 employees for the Isle of Dogs

Mr Preston, whose Cascades development on the Isle of Dogs has been most successful, admits: "You can always make things better. The market has now changed. We have redesigned the main flats, have put in more studios, and we have got it better in six months." He says that by 1991 more than 100,000 people are expected to be working on the Isle of Dogs, with only 7,000 houses and flats completed, so demand for rental accommodation will be enormous.

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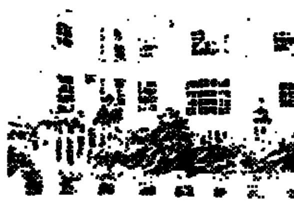

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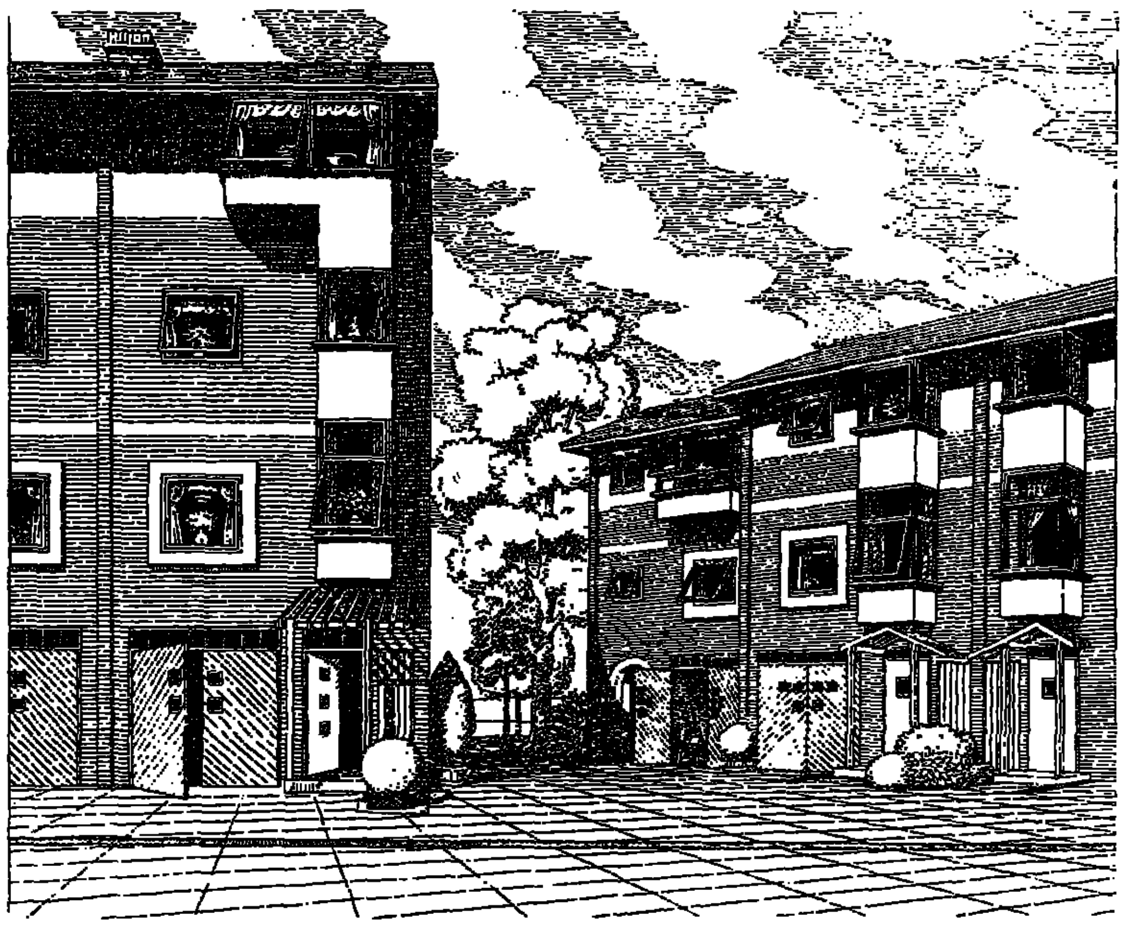

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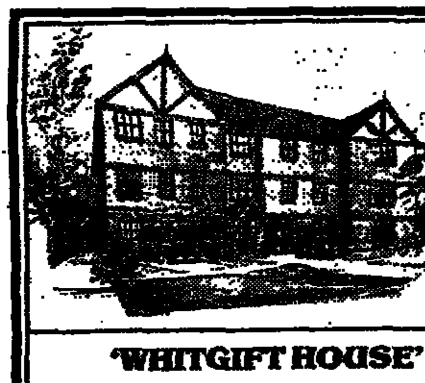
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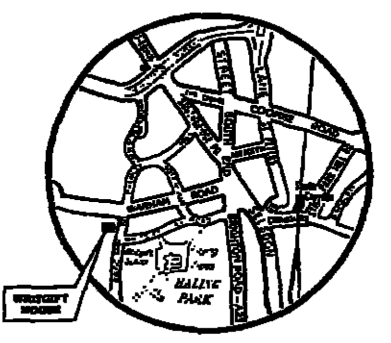

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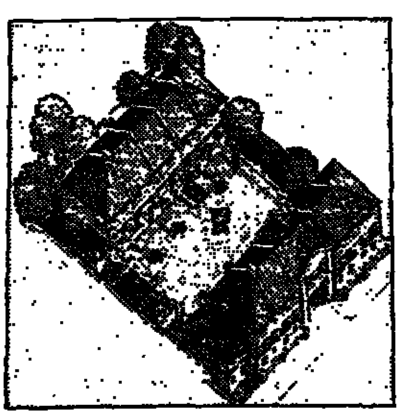

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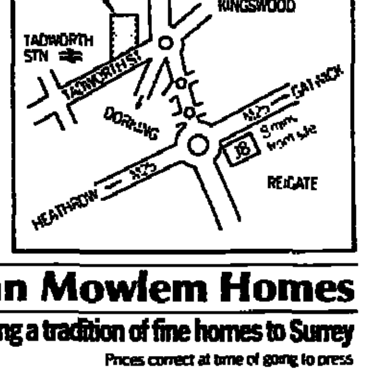

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The Blue Bell Inn at East Cottingwith *near York*, is *also for sale*, with the proviso that the new owner does not use it as a pub. It is based on an old Georgian house, but it has been *licensed premises for generations*. It used to be frequented by the bargemen from the Pocklington Canal on their way down the River Derwent. It has views down to the river and is close to a wildfowl reserve. The agents say it will make a sizeable and interesting home. Details are available on 0904 627436).

■ **Church Cottage at Lower Quinton near Chipping Campden on the edge of the Vale of Evesham, is a Grade II listed property *dating back to 1580 and* is most people's dream of a country cottage — it is white with black beams and has a thatched roof. It has two reception rooms, *four bedrooms and a* studio annexe, and stands in half an acre next to a fine Norman church. Knight Frank & Rutley's Stratford-upon-Avon office wants offers of more than £195,000.**

■ Stables House at Hever, near *Edenbridge*, Kent, *is the former coach* house and stables to Hever Castle. It was converted a few years ago and now provides a spacious country house *surrounded by 13 acres of gardens and* grounds. It also has 25 acres of tenants' land and a 200ft frontage to the River Eden, which provides good fishing. The brick-built house has a 30ft drawing room, a dining room, a conservatory, a study, a sitting room, a master bedroom suite and four further bedrooms. There is a newly built stable block in the courtyard, and Hamptons' London and Sevenoaks offices are asking around £500,000.

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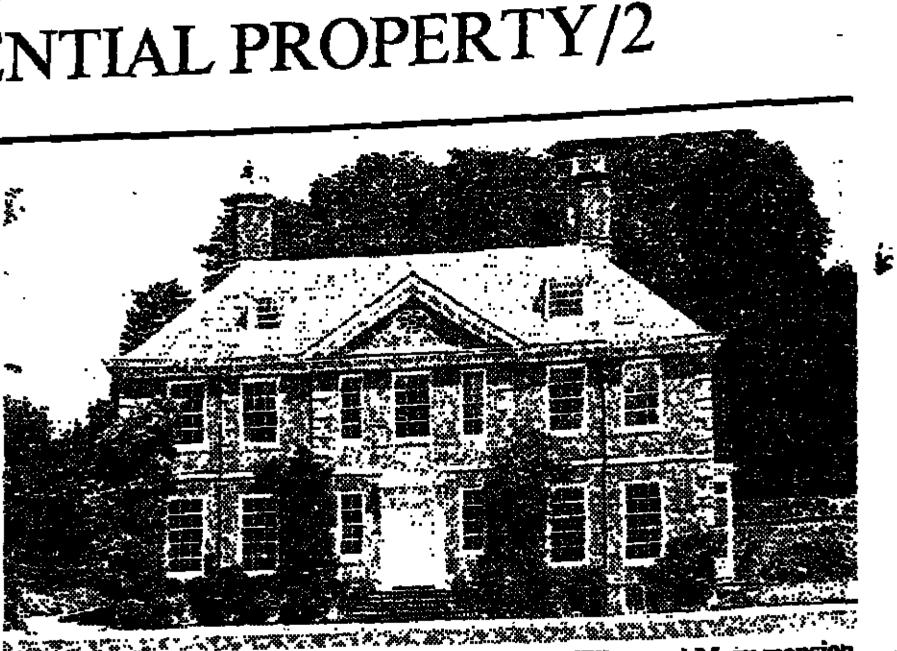

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The revolution in buying and selling property took another turn last week when the Law Society announced its intention to join the banks, building societies and estate agents by starting an independent financial services company.

The Solicitors' Financial & Property Services company, which aims to open for business in September, will offer a comprehensive range of information to solicitors providing investment advice and one-stop property services. The company, owned and controlled by the Law Society, will act as a brokerage and central depot for financial services advice, will be non-profit-making, and has the advantage of being independent.

The Law Society hopes that in the first year 1,000 of the 9,000 solicitors' firms in England and Wales will sign up with the company, at the £1,000 annual membership, and that 4,500 will join the scheme within three years.

Mal Cornwell-Kelly, of the Law Society, believes it will be hard for solicitors to survive in the conveyancing world without it. He explains: "Solicitors' conveyancing margins are constantly being eroded and we see residential conveyancing coming under remorseless pressure. It will be hard to compete without the company's facilities because everybody else involved in conveyancing will be producing com*plete packages of services.*"

He accepts that some solicitors will prefer to enter into arrangements with building societies, banks and estate agents, but he believes they risk losing their freedom of action in the market by so doing. One main selling point is that the company makes solicitors the first point of call for the client and keeps the *solicitors in control* at all times.

The company will provide information on mortgage business, personal financial planning, insurance cover, stocks and shares, unit trusts, stockbroking, retirement planning and inheritance advice. Other property services such as *chain-breaking* are also planned. A chain-breaking facility would give solicitors' clients access to sources of funds at competitive rates.

Mr Cornwell-Kelly points out that on *insurance* endowment policies clients could gain hundreds of pounds by using solicitors as they are not allowed to keep the commissions paid by insurance companies in these circumstances.

Some firms, however, will not join. Hughes Hooker, the law firm and estate agent, and a member of the National Association of Solicitors' Property Centres, is one. It has set up its own fully computerized department to deal with clients' financial requirements.

Jacek Bielecki, the managing partner, says the firm therefore has no need to join but thinks the scheme is ideal for *smaller firms* that do not have the expertise in-house. "The scheme should improve the service provided by solicitors for clients and will be an alternative to the financial services arms of the many national estate agents owned by the large institutions," he said.

The Law Society is encouraged in its venture by the experience of a similar scheme in Scotland, established at the beginning of the year. It has already attracted 10 per cent membership.

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Solvent sniffing is not drug abuse

Regina v Southwark Coroner, Ex parte Kendall

Before Lord Justice Parker and Mr Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment May 27]

A death caused by trichloroethane (Tippex thinner) overdose was not a death caused by "abuse of drugs" for the purposes of a coroner's verdict.

The appropriate verdict was one of the following: "accident", "misadventure", "abuse of volatile substances", "solvent abuse", "sniffing Tippex thinners", "inhalation of Tippex thinners" or a combination of those terms.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in quashing the verdict of the Southwark Coroner, Dr Gordon Davies, that Lee Graham Kendall died of "acute abuse of a drugs". The application was brought by Mrs Maria Kendall, the mother of the deceased.

The inquisition was remitted to the new coroner for Southwark to enter such verdict as he considered proper in the light of the judgment.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for the applicant; Mr Terence Coghlan for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that the deceased, a boy just turned 14, died after inhaling the solvent trichloroethane, better known as Tippex thinning fluid. It was a much publicised case as the shopkeeper who supplied the boy was prosecuted and sent to prison.

The verdict greatly distressed the deceased's family who were deeply upset by the stigma which they understandably believed to attach to it.

There were five passages in the coroner's remarks which established conclusively that he regarded himself as bound to enter the verdict which finally he announced.

In such view, however, he was plainly wrong. That was clear from rule 60 of and Schedule 4 to the Coroner's Rules (SI 1984 No 552). Note 4 to Form 22 in Schedule 4 merely "suggested" forms of verdict.

The verdict had to be quashed so that a proper discretion could be exercised. But such a limited order left it open to the coroner to return the same verdict as before. It was therefore necessary to turn to the more fundamental contention, that a verdict of drug abuse was not open to the coroner.

It seemed to be perfectly plain that in some contexts solvents could properly be described as drugs; in others not. It was impossible to provide a definition for universal application.

His Lordship had not the least doubt that trichloroethane could not be described as a drug for the purposes of a coroner's verdict of drug abuse.

There were two central considerations in determinig the proper approach to the various forms of verdict suggested in the notes to the scheduled form of inquisition (Form 22 in Schedule 4).

The first was the application within the coroner's jurisdiction of a clearly established policy of avoiding, so far as possible, any unnecessary stigma to the memory of the deceased.

The other crucial consideration was the actual purpose of those various suggested forms of verdict. The primary if not the sole purpose of entering a verdict of the kind here in question had surely to be to alert the public to certain specific dangers. It was that desirable social end which on occasion outweighed the first consideration and justified departure from the policy of not stigmatizing the deceased.

Viewed in the light of those considerations, it seemed plain that the verdict in this case was both unnecessarily wounding to the deceased's family and positively misleading in so far as it was designed to warn the public against the dangers of solvent abuse.

It was flawed by the twin vices of being both offensive and uninformative. Its offensiveness was obvious, the very word "drugs" evoked clear overtones of addiction and criminality.

As to its being uninformative, his Lordship did not accept for a moment that the general public would recognize within the verdict the sort of casual "glue-sniffing" involved.

Such a verdict seemed to be the worst of all possible worlds. It was to be hoped that solvent abuse deaths were not so designated.

The lawful verdicts which could be entered upon such a death were:

1 "Accident" or just possibly "misadventure".

2 Any of the following expressions: "abuse of volatile substances", "solvent abuse", "sniffing Tippex thinners", "inhalation of Tippex thinners".

3 Any of those terms could properly be used in combinations such as, "accidental death resulting from solvent abuse" or "solvent abuse: inhalation of Tippex thinners".

Lord Justice Parker agreed.

Solicitors: Simons Muirhead & Burton; Hempsons.

Quantifying roll-over relief on ex-trade assets

Richart (Inspector of Taxes) v J. Lyons & Co Ltd

Before Mr Justice Millett

[Judgment May 19]

A dispute over the correct formula to be applied in quantifying the amount of partial "roll-over" relief under section 33(1) and (8) of the Finance Act 1965 in respect of chargeable gains accruing on the disposal of assets acquired before 1965 for trade purposes and disposed of many years after they had ceased to be used for trade purposes was decided in the Crown's favour.

In ascertaining for the purposes of section 33(8) the proportion of the value of the assets that qualified for the relief, account was to be taken of trade use during the period of ownership after April 5, 1965, until the date of disposal but not of any periods of trade use before that date.

Mr Justice Millet so held in the Chancery Division in allowing the Crown's appeal from four determinations by a special commissioner that had allowed claims for the relief by the taxpayer company, J. Lyons & Co Ltd, for its accounting periods to February 1980 and 1981.

Mr Nicholas Warren for the Crown; Mr Andrew Thornhill, QC, for the taxpayer company.

MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that in 1979 and 1980 the taxpayer company disposed of some 70 properties thereby realizing capital gains. The proceeds were applied in acquiring new business assets.

The appeal concerned four properties, all acquired pre-1965, that ceased to be used for trade purposes after that date and, after an interval of several years during which they were let, were eventually sold. The resulting gains fell to be apportioned so as to exclude that accruing before 1965 in arriving at the chargeable gain.

Section 33(8) of the 1965 Act (now section 115(6) of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979) gave partial roll-over relief for gains on the disposal of assets used for trade purposes for part only of their period of ownership. The dispute related to the computation of that relief.

The taxpayer company contended that the notional qualifying asset (or in the words of subsection (8) the "part of the asset representing its use for the purposes of trade" was to be ascertained by applying to the old asset the fraction represented by the whole period of business use divided by the whole period of ownership.

The Crown contended that in any case where the old asset was owned before April 6, 1965, periods occurring before that date when the chargeable gain was not accruing had to be excluded.

In *East End Dwellings Co Ltd v Finsbury Borough Council* ([1952] AC 109, 132) Lord Asquith said that where words of a statute were "cryptic or equivocal" it was permissible to interpret them "in the light of a number of extrinsic considerations, including any scheme or policy which could be spelt out of" the legislation.

Subsection (8) was not happily drafted. It was something of an overstatement to say that the words were plain and unambiguous: "cryptic and ambiguous" were more appropriate adjectives. Given that the drafting could have been clearer and simpler, there remained no discernible justification for the consequences which followed from adopting the taxpayer company's approach.

The tortuous and indirect route of the Crown leading to the sensible result was to be preferred to the taxpayer company's simple and direct path to an absurd one.

The conclusion was that in section 33(8) regard had to be given not only to the length of the periods of business or non-business use but also to the times when they took place. If they took place at a time when no chargeable gain was accruing then they should be allowed to play no part in the calculations designed to lead to the apportionment of the chargeable gain. The appeal would therefore be allowed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Ashurst Morris Crisp.

Aids factor was given undue weight

Regina v Twigg

The incidence of the Aids virus in the female population of this country was not such that it should have had any significant effect on the sentence imposed on a defendant who had been convicted of inciting a boy to commit an act of gross indecency with a woman and who might have exposed the boy to the risk that the woman had the virus and transmitted it.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice McCullough and Mr Justice Auld) so held on June 7 when allowing an appeal by William Henry Twigg against a total sentence of 4½ years' imprisonment imposed on his conviction on October 30, 1987 in Guildford Crown Court (Judge Slot) of, *inter alia*, indecency with a child. The sentence was reduced for that and other reasons to a total of three years' imprisonment.

MR JUSTICE McCULLOUGH said that there was no evidence that the woman had the virus but the judge had said that for all the defendant knew she might have had it.

That risk was so slight that while it was difficult to say that it was a factor which should have been ignored, in the context of the case it ought not to have had any significant effect on the sentence. The judge's remarks suggested that he gave it substantially more weight than he should have done.

Duty of care in advice to friend

Chaudhry v Prabhakar and Another

Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Stocker and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith

[Judgment May 20]

A person who, at the request of a friend, found a second-hand car for sale and advised the friend to buy it, knowing that she was relying on his skill and judgment, owed her a duty of care, and would be liable to her for any negligent mis-statement concerning the car if she relied on it and thereby suffered loss.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment (Lord Justice May *dubitante*), dismissing an appeal by the first defendant, Mr Kamal Prabhakar, from Mr J. P. Gorman, QC, who, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on April 2, 1987 had given judgment for the plaintiff, Miss Nazma Chaudhry, against, *inter alia*, the first defendant for £5,526 damages plus interest in respect of a worthless car which she had bought on the first defendant's advice from the second defendant, Mr Bhupinder Singh Jandoo, trading as Jandoo Autocrafts.

Mr Mark Hoyle for the first defendant; Mr Timothy Scott for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the plaintiff was an accountant aged 26 who knew nothing about the mechanical side of cars but had wished to buy a second-hand car.

The first defendant had been a close friend; he was not a mechanic but had had quite a bit to do with cars, having not infrequently bought and sold them himself at a profit, and the plaintiff had regarded him as someone knowing a good deal more about cars than she did.

The plaintiff had asked the first defendant if he could try to find her a suitable car, stipulating that it should not have been involved in an accident. He had agreed to do so, without payment, acting solely out of friendship.

He had subsequently found the car, which the second defendant, a stranger whom he had discovered to be a car sprayer and panel beater, had for sale. The bonnet had, to the first defendant's knowledge, been crumpled and either staightened or replaced.

The first defendant had, with the second defendant's consent, taken the car to the plaintiff, and told her that it was in very good condition and that he highly recommended it, saying that the vendor was a friend of his and had a garage.

The plaintiff had asked if it had been involved in an accident and the first defendant had said "No" and assured her that she need not have it examined by a mechanic. Relying on those assurances the plaintiff had bought the car without having it examined.

Subsequently, it had come to light that the car had been involved in a serious previous accident and had been bought as salvage and repaired by the second defendant. It had not been of merchantable quality when the plaintiff had bought it and indeed was unroadworthy.

The judge had held the first defendant to have been in breach of his duty to take reasonable care. On appeal, he had accepted that he had been under a duty of care to the plaintiff, but had argued that as a gratuitous agent that duty had been to take such care towards her as he would in relation to his own affairs and to exhibit such skill as he actually possessed, and that that standard was entirely subjective.

Thus, it had been contended, if the first defendant would have bought the car himself, as he claimed he would, and had been honest, as the judge had found, he could not be liable.

His Lordship could not accept that. According to *Bowstead on Agency* (15th edition (1985) article 44(3) p152), the degree of care and skill owed by a gratuitous agent was such skill and care as persons ordinarily exercised in their own affairs or, where the agent held himself out as possessing skill adequate to the performance of a particular undertaking, such skill and care as would normally be shown by one possessing that skill.

That was an objective standard and was not simply to be measured by the agent's honest statement that he would have acted similarly on his own account, however foolish that might be. His Lordship would prefer to state an agent's duty of care as that which might reasonably be expected of him in all the circumstances: see *Houghland v R. R. Low (Luxury Coaches) Ltd* ([1962] 1 QB 694, 698), a case concerning a gratuitous bailee.

One of the relevant circumstances was whether the agent was paid. If an agent were paid his relationship with the principal was contractual and there might be express terms on which the parties could rely. If a paid agent exercised any trade, profession or calling he was required to exercise the degree of skill and diligence reasonably to be expected of a person exercising it, irrespective of his actual degree of skill.

Where the agent was unpaid any duty of care arose in tort. Relevant circumstances would be the actual skill and experience which the agent had, although if he had represented such skill and experience to be greater than it was, and the principal had relied on the representation, it seemed reasonable to expect him to show that standard of skill and experience which he claimed to possess.

The fact that principal and agent were friends did not affect the existence of the duty, although it might conceivably be relevant in considering the degree or standard of care.

The plaintiff had contended under the doctrine enunciated in *Hedley Byrne & Co Ltd v Heller and Partners* ([1964] AC 465).

When considering whether such a duty, to take care in imparting information to a person relying on the speaker's skill and judgment, arose, the relationship between the parties was material; if they were friends the true view might be that the advice or representation was made on a purely social occasion and the circumstances might show that there had not been a voluntary assumption of responsibility.

However, where, as in this case, the relationship of principal and agent existed, such that a contract came into existence between the principal and the third party, that relationship was, at the very least, powerful evidence that the occasion was not a purely social one but was a business connection. Indeed the relationship was equivalent to contract save only for the absence of consideration.

All the necessary ingredients were present to give rise to a duty of care under the *Hedley Byrne* principle. Logically the standard of care, or the nature and extent of the duty, should be the same as that required of an unpaid agent, which was another reason for stating the latter as being to take such care as was reasonably to be expected of him in all the circumstances.

The judge had been right to infer that the first defendant had been in breach of his duty of care. He had failed to ask the second defendant if the car had been involved in an accident, but he had told the plaintiff that it had not.

The first defendant had argued that even if he had asked the second defendant that question he would have received a negative answer. It was probable that he would. Had the first defendant asked the question and reasonably believed the answer, he would have discharged his duty to the plaintiff.

The first defendant had shown a remarkable degree of naivete when dealing with a second-hand car dealer whose trade was that of panel beater and paint sprayer. He had not asked the question, and the plaintiff had bought the car in reliance on what he had said and done, and the appeal should therefore fail.

LORD JUSTICE STOCKER, concurring, said that in the absence of other factors giving rise to a duty of care the giving of advice sought in the context of family, domestic or social relationships would not in itself give rise to any duty in respect of it. The existence of the duty would depend on all the circumstances in which the advice was sought or tendered.

In this case, the first defendant had conceded that the duty of care did exist, but even without that concession his Lordship would, on the facts, have felt bound to conclude that there was such a duty.

In making the assertions which he had made, the first defendant had gone beyond what was required of him as a friend and had owed a duty of care to the plaintiff.

His Lordship doubted whether the formulation of a gratuitous agent's duty in *Bowstead* was adequate, at least when applied to advice given to another, but even if it was it was an objective standard and the first defendant had failed to discharge it.

A more appropriate test was that suggested in *Houghland*. On either formulation the first defendant was liable.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the first defendant had conceded that he owed the plaintiff at least the duty to take such care in and about her business as he would have done had he been looking for a car himself.

In the light of the more cautious approach taken in recent cases by the House of Lords and the Privy Council as to whether a duty of care existed (see, for example, *Yuen Kun Yeu v Attorney-General of Hong Kong* ([1988] AC 175)), his Lordship doubted whether the concession had been rightly made in law; he did not find entirely attractive the proposition that one had to impose on a family friend looking out for a first car for a girl of 26 a *Donoghue v Stevenson* duty of care in and about his quest.

Neither could one apply the *Hedley Byrne* principle to the first defendant's answer to the plaintiff's inquiry about the car's history, since to do so would make social relations and responsibilities between friends unnecessarily hazardous.

However, the concession had been made, and the appeal should be dismissed on the basis that the first defendant had breached the conceded duty and the plaintiff had suffered damage in consequence.

Solicitors: Khans, Walthamstow; Benson Mazure & Co.

Corrections

In *Watts v Moore* (*The Times* June 3) Winward Fearon & Co were the solicitors for the plaintiff and Huggins & Co acted for the defendant.

In *Norwegian American Cruises A/S v Paul Mundy Ltd* (*The Times* April 22) it should have been made clear that the plaintiff shipowners' representative had no authority from the plaintiffs to bind them to the sub-charter which hed been an inducement to persuade the third party to enter into the time charter; and also that the sub-charter had been so arranged upon the mistaken assumption of their representative, not shared by the plaintiffs, and the director of the travel agents, that the agents would be entitled to commission.

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How the Connors reputation was beaten by a man using untried tactics in his first Wimbledon final

Ashe the thinking man's champion

20 YEARS OF OPEN TENNIS

In the second of three articles on key events in 20 years of open tennis. **Richard Evans** looks back on a match which went against all expert predictions

McEnroe was still a ball-boy at Forest Hills the year that Connors became the hottest ticket in town; a young firebrand who was going to sweep all before him around the world. He certainly made a pretty good job of it in 1974, winning Wimbledon, the US Open and the Australian championships in a 12-month assault that had many of his contemporaries shaking in their shoes. "He's practically unbeatable," I heard players mutter in the locker room. "Jimmy will go on winning everything for years."

That sort of talk is dangerous because it affords the winner of the moment extra protection from defeat. As soon as his peers walk on court in awe of him, half the battle is won. I cannot remember the number of times I have seen a big name have an off-day, get himself into a losing position and then be allowed off the hook because his opponent suddenly realizes who he is playing. It is called winning by reputation and Connors' reputation was suddenly big enough to win him the grand slam.

Except for one problem. In that year Connors had signed a contract with World Team Tennis and, although he made himself available for the French Open, Philippe Chatrier, acting in concert with the war the International Lawn Tennis Federation was waging against this newest threat to the establishment game, banned Jimmy from competing at Stade Roland Garros.

Chatrier's ban on Connors precipitated the next bitter political war that was to engulf the tennis community. Seizing the opportunity to thrust himself and his client into the limelight, Bill Riordan, acting as Connors' agent, convinced the player that it was in his best interests to sue the French federation, the Association of Tennis and Professionals and three individuals — Chatrier, Jack Kramer and the man whom Connors found himself playing in the 1975 Wimbledon final, Arthur Ashe. The lawsuit added an unwanted backdrop of personal antagonism to the first, and hopefully the only, Wimbledon final featuring two players in litigation with each other.

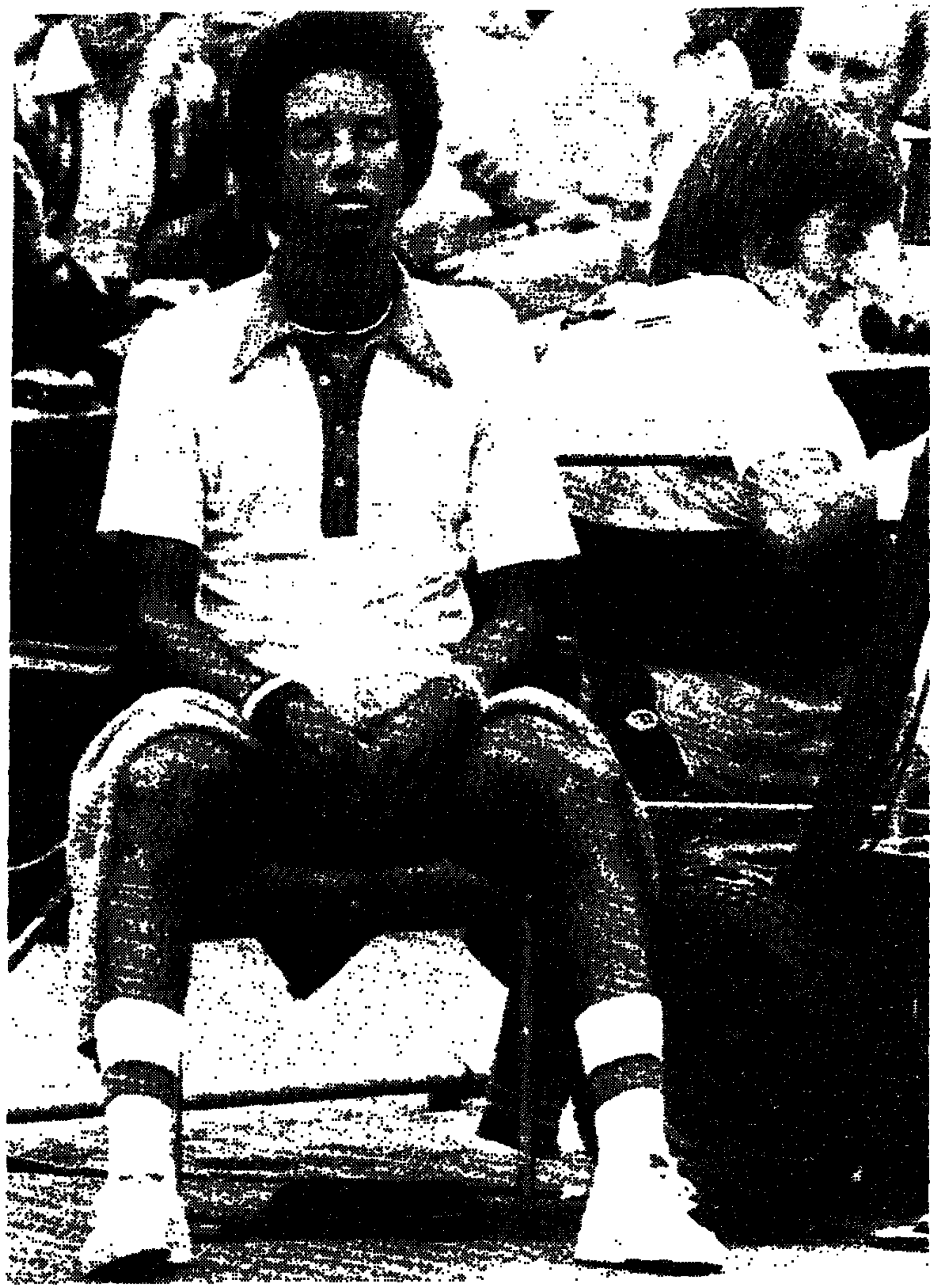
No matter what was going to happen in the court of law, virtually all the experts were convinced they knew what was going to happen on the centre court. Everything pointed to the cocky young champion retaining his crown and there were probably only three people in the world who truly believed Ashe had a chance — Donald Dell, Arthur's closest confidant and supporter; his Davis Cup coach, Dennis Ralston, who had lost to Manolo Santana in the Wimbledon final nine years before, and Ashe himself.

Connors' form through the early rounds of this sun-blessed Wimbledon confirmed the experts' view that he was superior to everyone else in the draw, including Ashe whom he had beaten several times in the preceding months. Not that Ashe himself was playing badly. Having disposed of Bjorn Borg — thus becoming, little did we know it at the time, the last man to beat the Swede at Wimbledon until John McEnroe did so six years later —Ashe then went on to out-hit the stylish Tony Roche in a five-set semi-final.

Against early-round opponents, the defending champion worked out whatever little kinks might have existed in his game, using the likes of John Lloyd and Vijay Amritraj as virtual guinea-pigs on his way to more important experiments. In the third round, Mark Cox started to feel the full brunt of the brutal Connors power, and by the time Roscoe Tanner was lined up against him in their semi-final, Jimmy was primed and ready for one of the most awesome and terrifying displays of attacking tennis ever seen on the centre court.

Poor Roscoe simply got scorched. Pumped up and rolling like never before, "Jimbo" only just stopped short of beating his breast like some miniature tennis Tarzan. But, in fact, this extravagant show of power-packed tennis was merely contributing to his ultimate downfall. Towelling off after his shower, Ashe was watching the match on BBC television. It only confirmed what he already knew. Feed Connors pace and you are dead. He had tried it. He knew. But everyone else knew that Arthur's whole game was based on power. The way Connors took the ball early and stepped into those howitzer drives of Ashe's spelt doom for the black American and there did not seem to be anything Arthur could do about it.

That night he phoned Dennis Ralston, who was back in the States, and in consultation with Donald Dell they worked out a strategic plan, a plan that would ask Ashe to do the most difficult thing you can ask of any skilled athlete on a big occasion. Briefly, the plan demanded that Ashe go out and play Connors in the Wimbledon final — his first Wimbledon final — in a way that he had never played before.


Connors' title in ashes: meditation plays a part in Ashe's victory over the outgoing champion

The political background to the confrontation had obviously added spice to the occasion, but even without that the match would have attracted an unusual amount of interest, because Ashe had already established himself as one of the most articulate and popular athletes in the world, while Connors was the perfect anti-hero — brash, vulgar and threatening.

This match, which turned out to be so extraordinary, started in routine fashion with both men holding serve and Connors moving ahead 40-15 on his serve in the third game. Then Ashe produced a marvellous chipped cross-court return to Jimmy's forehand and the defending champion sent the ball into the net. It started there. From that moment on, we began witnessing things that many of us found hard to believe. Ashe pulled back to deuce with a smash off a short Connors lob and then, very gently, stroked a ball deep on the baseline, and Connors again put the return into the net. Although the call came late, Connors' overhead shot on the next point was definitely long, and suddenly Ashe was ahead 2-1 with a service break.

Ashe held serve with ease to make it 3-1 and then, as an amazed crowd looked on, first in bewilderment and then in growing appreciation of the miracle that was unfolding before them, Arthur proceeded to dismantle the powerfully welded structure of Connors' game as a skilled engineer might defuse a bomb.

At 1-5, Connors lost control of a backhand to go 0-30 down and then found himself playing mouse to this cool, black cat. Ashe lofted two lobs over his head, which Connors only just managed to reach, and then calmly sent passing shots down the line. Could it be that easy? A 6-1 set did not guarantee victory in any match; most certainly not in a Wimbledon final with a man of Connors' calibre across the net. Could Ashe continue in this vein of calm, unhurried authority? Twenty minutes later we had our answer. The second set had gone to Ashe, also by 6-1.

Up until that moment Ashe's tactics had been bewitchingly simple. Yet, given the occasion and the opposition he was facing, they were also incredibly difficult to achieve. In a nutshell, they were based on making no errors. Gone from Ashe's game were the wild, slashing winners. Gone was the power and the do-or-die glory. One of the game's hardest hitters was denying Connors the thing he craved most — pace.

Slapping his thigh and grunting with effort, Connors hurled himself back into the fray and momentarily seized command. Two superb service returns when Jimmy was leading 6-5 deprived Ashe of his serve a second time and gave Connors the set. In a flash Jimmy had jumped to a 3-0 lead in the fourth. Now what price for Ashe's brave tactics? Would Arthur's nerve hold? Would he continue with the pre-match plan to slow-ball Connors into oblivion, or would he find too tempting, as danger loomed, the wholly natural desire to resort to type and play his normal game?

At change-overs, Ashe was still sitting motionless in his chair, eyes closed like some meditating Buddha, letting body and mind sink into a state of complete relaxation for 30 seconds. It must have been an infuriating sight for the hyped-up, fidgety Connors.

In the fifth game of the fourth set, Ashe, a player who had never been too secure with the lob, suddenly produced a perfect lob and then, two points later, swept a beautiful forehand down the line to grab the break back. The answer was clear. Ashe was not going to be diverted from his premeditated path.

At 5-4, Ashe was serving for the championship, for the fulfilment of a life's ambition. He did not falter. Afterwards, while facing an incredulous Press corps, Ashe said quietly: "When I walked on court I thought I was going to win. I felt it was my destiny." If so, it was a destiny richly deserved. It was also a triumph that spread happiness and satisfaction throughout the sporting world, because it turned a good man and a fine sportsman into a great champion.

TOMORROW

Jack Kramer: the game's most controversial architect

This article is adapted from *Open Tennis: The First Twenty Years*, by Richard Evans (Bloomsbury Publishing Ltd, £12.95).

GOLF

The First Lady of Curtis Cup is back

By Patricia Davies

This morning Enid Wilson, aged 78, three times British women's amateur champion, member of the first Curtis Cup team and scourge of the female golfing establishment, will haul out her battle irons and swing into action at Royal Cinque Ports, Deal in the Supporters' Saucer, a prelude to the match between the British Isles and the United States on Friday and Saturday.

Her main problem will be not so much hitting the ball as remaining upright afterwards, apparently one of the unbalancing effects of old age, she says.

In her day Miss Wilson, who was taught by Tom Williamson at Hollinwell, had her opponents constantly off balance as she won three British titles from 1931 and reached the semi-finals of the United States women's amateur twice in that period. However, she was not, she confessed, at her best in America. "I never played worth a damn there because I couldn't concentrate," she said. "I'm too bloody curious and I couldn't keep my mind on the game. I was much too interested in everything else that was going on."

She concentrated successfully at Gleneagles in 1933 to win her third and final British title. But she emphasized: "I never enjoyed a championship less, for the simple reason that I played rubbish and all my opponents were dead ducks when they arrived on the first tee, the whole lot of them. One of them was pale pea-green and there's no fun in playing somebody in that state of horror."

What the records do not show

In America that same year she was beaten 6 and 5 in the semi-finals of their championship by Virginia Van Wie, who was in the middle of winning three consecutive titles. What the record books do not show, however, is that the Englishwoman went out to play, as she remembered with a hoot of laughter, "in a temper. I was so furious that I couldn't have cared less what happened and I had the pants beaten off me".

The cause of her displeasure was the US Golf Association's decision that it would not be presenting her with the Paul Revere silver bowl she thought she had won for leading the qualifiers with a record low score of 76. The trophy had engraved on it a map of Revere's famous ride and was inscribed "owing to the menaces of the villains . . ." The USGA was so embarrassed that they insisted on producing another, less insulting trophy.

Miss Wilson recalled with a smile: "It's the only piece of silverware I've ever really set my stall out to win and they wouldn't let me have it."

The next year, 1934, she was declared a non-amateur because she had been writing instruction for several publications and went to work at Lillywhites before becoming the women's golf correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*.

"Lots of people thought that perhaps I bore the Ladies' Golf Union a grudge for sort of consigning me to limbo. Not in the slightest, never have done. I knew perfectly well what I was up to. I had no desire to play any more serious golf. I'd had my fill of it."

No lunch left for the competitors

Ending her career then meant that she played in only the first Curtis Cup, in 1932, at Wentworth and in her usual forthright way she described it as "a complete disaster through lack of organization on the part of us. I don't think we knew until we were on the way to the first tee who we were going to play with in the foursomes, so it was hardly surprising that we lost all three of them. And by that time the match had gone past recall. There were enormous crowds and I remember coming in at the end of the morning round and finding that there was no lunch because they had eaten it all. Nobody had thought to save any for us."

Things are a little better ordered nowadays and there is sure to be a more-than-adequate lunch for the participants in the Saucer, a foursomes event first played at Turnberry in 1972 to entertain former Curtis Cuppers and since expanded to include former players, officials and even the odd, outclassed journalist.

Belle Robertson and Mary McKenna, heroines of the British Isles victory over the US at Prairie Dunes two years ago, are playing and Wilson will partner Bridget Jackson, one of the selectors, against Janet Seagle, curator and librarian of the USGA's museum at Golf House, and Ann Casey Johnstone, a member of the US sides of the late Fifties and early Sixties.

One thing is certain — Enid Wilson, now a vice-president of the LGU, will be trying to hole every putt as usual but, more important, relishing the company of old friends.

Huish's sights set on record achievements

If David Huish, of Scotland, wins the Wilson Club professional championship, which starts today at Royal St David's, Harlech, in Wales, for an unprecedented third time, it will be just one of several records he will create this week (a Special Correspondent writes).

With the top eight to gain automatic selection for the Great Britain and Ireland side for next month's PGA Cup match at The Belfrey, the North Berwick professional, aged 44, would secure a history-making ninth appearance and become the first reigning PGA captain to play in the biennial encounter against the United States.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Britain are given the runaround

From Keith Macklin
Sydney

Manly-Warringah	**30**
Great Britain XIII	**0**

Public interest in this Saturday's first Whitbread Trophy international at Sydney was hardly at boiling point before yesterday's match at Brookvale. After a second successive destruction of a Great Britain team it will need a remarkable public relations exercise between now and Saturday to convince Australians that the 1988 tour party are capable of making a realistic challenge to Australia's supremacy.

With only five of Saturday's likely international squad on view, the touring side were weak in defence and unimaginative on attack, belying the adage that the team which stays together, plays together.

Manly, who were without their internationals, Vautin, O'Connor and Daley, were so much on top that at times they toyed with their opponents, with the reaction of the 11,000 Brookvale crowd ranging from humour to patronizing contempt.

Despite the scoreline, Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, did not seem too perturbed. He said: "Obviously I am disappointed, but not surprised. Manly are the Australian premiership holders and they are a hard team to beat at any time. Obviously we were not going to try out our best moves so close to Saturday's international."

Travelling British supporters did not share Reilly's optimism. One said: "They should be ashamed of themselves after that performance. Once it was an honour to wear a Great Britain jersey."

It must be said that several of the British players fought hard and are exempt from the criticism which surrounded the tour party last night. Platt, at loose forward, had an outstanding game, while others who did not give up the fight were Stephenson, Hulme, Offiah and Ford. All are likely to find places in Saturday's international team.

Manly were 18-0 ahead at the interval, defensive lapses being punished by tries from Gately, Pocock and Toovey, with Dwyer converting them all.

In the second half, Great Britain had a brief spell on attack, but poor handling and a lack of ideas, plus typically hard tackling by the Australians, kept their scoreline blank. As if to confirm Manly's superiority, the hosts twice swept out of defence to score tries through Haggett and Lyons with Dwyer completing five goals in five kicks.

SCORERS: Manly-Warringah: Tries: Gately, Pocock, Toovey, Haggett, Lyons. **Conversions:** Dwyer (5).
MANLY-WARRINGAH: T Dwyer; S Davis, J Ropati, D Williams, G Austin; C Lyons, G Toovey; M Brokenshire, C Haggett, I Gately, N Cleal, M Pocock, D Hasler.
GREAT BRITAIN: P Ford; C Gibson, D Wright, I Wilkinson, M Offiah; D Stephenson, D Hulme; H Waddell, P Groves, R Powell, K Fairbank, P Medley, A Platt.
Referee: F Desplats (France).

SQUASH RACKETS

Rutherford prevails

By Colin McQuillan

John Walbaum, the Watsonians club champion, may be the most talented stroke-player in the Scottish game, but his durability is open to question.

For a single game of his regional quarter-final in the Dunlop Champion of Champions tournament, at Marco's snooker and squash centre in Edinburgh, Walbaum had the top seed, Douglas Rutherford, of Dunfermline, in trouble with a flashing attack to every nick and corner of the court.

In the second game, however, Rutherford began to find time on the shots to extend the rallies. He won 1-9, 9-1, 9-0, 9-1, and goes on to today's regional semi-final against Gregor Thomson, of Colinton Castle, who defeated Craig Stewart, of Forthill.

In the Midlands region Kevin Higginson and John Parkes progressed to meet in their regional semi-finals

RESULTS: Regional quarter-finals: Men: Scotland: D Rutherford (Dunfermline) bt J Walbaum (Watsonians), 1-9, 9-1, 9-0, 9-1; G Thomson (Colinton Castle) bt C Stewart (Forthill), w/o. **Midlands:** K Higginson (Shifnal) bt R Herrod (West Warwicks), 9-5, 9-0, 9-5; J Parkes (Newman) bt P Snape (Kingswinford) 9-7, 2-9, 9-7, 9-3. **Southern Home Counties:** C Payne (Beckenham) bt A Abou Taleb (Bexley) 9-4, 7-9, 9-7, 7-9, 9-0. **Northern Home Counties:** J Foster (Bishop's Stortford) bt P Gunter (Southgate), 4-9, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7.
Women: Scotland: A Brotherston (Marco's SSC) bt R Lothian (Abercorn), 9-3, 6-9, 9-1, 9-7; J Sutherland (Colinton Castle) bt S Welch (Forthill), 9-1, 9-3, 9-2. **Midlands:** L Sturgess (Carrington) bt J Carr (Springfield), 9-3, 9-4, 9-5; J Moore (Richmond) bt K Whitlow (Newman) 6-9, 9-2, 9-2, 9-4. **Southern Home Counties:** S Wright (Howdon) bt S Newman (Welling), 8-10, 9-2, 9-1, 9-1; S Downhill (West Cross) bt K Russell (Lingfield Park) 9-2, 9-5, 9-6. **Northern Home Counties:** S Johnson (Eastway) bt S Cunnew (Redbridge), 9-3, 9-6, 9-5.

RUGBY UNION

Inadequate Welsh laid bare

From Chris Thau
Wangarei

North Auckland	**27**
Wales XV	**9**

If earlier this week Wales had been demoralized by a wayward tour and a catalogue of injuries, after yesterday's game against North Auckland the feeling is likely to have turned to desperation. A sharp, but no more than competent, North Auckland side made them look inadequate and listless. Welsh commitment was non-existent.

Except for a few testing runs by the wingers, Webbe and Hall, and Griffiths's desperate efforts to plug the holes in defence, the entire side, including the captain, Jonathan Davies — pronounced fit just before the game — seemed to have become victims of a collective case of amnesia.

The Welsh seem to have forgotten how to tackle, ruck, maul and drive. Their tackling in particular — the object of scathing criticism by the New Zealanders during the tour — was pathetic and allowed the rampaging Aucklanders to score four tries to one in winning by four goals and one penalty goal to one goal and one penalty.

While Wales produced the most undignified performance of the whole tour, the delirious locals enjoyed their first victory against an international touring side since 1961. To add insult to injury, while North Auckland appeared immune to injury, the Welsh suffered two more casualties. They lost Pugh, the prop, with another badly cut eye and Mason, the full back, with a shoulder injury.

Danny O'Shea, the Auckland coach, was fiercely critical of the visiting team. He said: "This is not a good side — especially up front. They are not as good as they were in the past. Their backs are poor as well and looked quite pedestrian for an international touring team. Compared to the highlights of the Waikato game, they don't seem to have made much progress on this tour.

"They should go back to basics. If you apply the basics correctly and add speed and fitness, you can end up with a reasonably good performance. Support is the name of the game and they haven't gone that far, either.

"However, there is potential in the side, but they seem to work as individuals not as a team. Put a man like John Hart [the former Auckland and All Black coach] in charge of them, and they would be a new team altogether."

Rod Morgan, the tour manager, was visibly shaken by the defeat, describing it as the most disappointing so far.

SCORERS: North Auckland: Tries: Dunn, Going, K Woodman, F Woodman. **Conversions:** Johnston (4). **Penalty:** Johnston. **Wales: Try:** Hall. **Conversion:** Ring. **Penalty:** Ring.
NORTH AUCKLAND: W Johnston; K Woodman, C Going, M Seymour, F Woodman; I Dunn, A Goodhew; B Leclerc, M Barry, G Courtney, F Lamborn, G Crawford, M Budd, N Ruddell, W Phillips.
WALES: J Mason (rep: M Ring); G Webbe, J Devereux, N Davies, M Hall; J Davies, J Griffiths; S Jones, I Watkins, J Pugh (rep: M Pugh); P May, S Sutton, R Phillips, M Jones.
Referee: M Thompson (Auckland).

Anxious wait over Rendall

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Wollongong

Paul Rendall, the Wasps prop, pulled up in training yesterday, a strained hamstring casting some doubt over his fitness for the international against Australia in Sydney on Sunday. After treatment, Rendall was happier, the injury being on the outside of his leg, but there will be an anxious watch kept on his progress with little time left for preparations.

In that respect, Alan Davies, the assistant coach, is working on reverse psychology. He knows as well as anyone that nothing can be done, for the purposes of this tour, about the team's individual fitness, but that their psychological fitness may be improved after the loss of the first international and the morale-sapping defeat against New South Wales.

"To win on Sunday everyone has to play their best game," he said yesterday. "We have tried to bring the players down to rock bottom by showing them the video of the New South Wales game and asking them what they felt they were bad at. Then we try to emphasize what we believe they are good at.

"With this team, ideally, we should play like the Australian schools side of 1977 in Britain, moving the ball close to the gain line, playing a close-passing game before getting it wide to the wings. We have to be prepared to move the ball around. It's all connected with the backs becoming involved again and the forwards having faith in the backs."

Unfortunately, there is no reason to suppose that this particular leopard will so readily change its spots. A good performance against New South Wales B here today would certainly help and the display by Carling — who was possibly the most improved English back during the five nations' championship — will be watched with particular interest. When the international team is announced tomorrow I expect only the enforced change in the back division of Carling, in the centre, for the departed Halliday.

The pack is an area for greater debate; the front row has felt particularly aggrieved at tactics permitted in Australia, where the tight-head prop appears permitted to lower the scrum in defence of his own ball, where the feeds are invariably crooked and little time for the traditional working of the scrum is allowed. All these — save, perhaps, the first — were known quantities before arrival. Australians regard the scrum as merely another way of restarting the game and when in Rome — or even Wollongong — their interpretations must be accepted.

"The sooner more of our players are exposed to New Zealanders, for example, rather than keeping everything in house, the better we will become," Davies said. He is talking of the need for direct contact with the southern hemisphere, so players appreciate the conditioning and mental approach which makes the present All Blacks some 20 points better (at a conservative estimate) than nearly every other country in the world.

Certainly the Australian states would love to see tours by the English divisional sides, although at this stage the four divisions have won consent to play only warm-up matches before meeting touring teams. Thus, the North are scheduled to play a World XV in September, in aid of charity; London meet Munster and the South-West play Leinster; the Midlands have yet to conclude negotiations with an opponent.

Scottish visit for Connacht

Connacht embark on a two-match rugby tour of Scotland in September when they play on September 10 a Scottish North and Midlands selection and on September 13 a Glasgow and District selection.

CAMBRIDGE MAY RACES

Caius's dominance likely to be short

By a Special Correspondent

Lady Margaret look certain to regain the headship of the Cambridge University May races after a six-year absence from the top. They are expected to catch Caius today, when this year's event begins on the Cam.

Last year Caius snatched the headship from Downing to hold it for the first time in 147 years, but their tenure is likely to be short. Lady Margaret beat them by 21 seconds in the Head of the Cam.

With a Blue, Guy Pooley, formerly of Imperial College, at stroke and two Goldie men, Bill Mills at four and the Canadian, Rick Steeds, at seven, Maggie have been fast in practice; but they could be threatened by third-placed Downing, who are known to have a quick start.

Lower down Selwyn, with two Goldie men on board, should climb; they showed plenty of power when winning twice over the Cambridge Regatta weekend in mid-May. Behind them Trinity Hall could well move up.

In the women's competition Churchill look unlikely to hold off Jesus's challenge. Jesus had a good win at Cambridge Regatta, beating New Hall, who were the fastest crew in the Head of the Cam and who may well move from fourth to the challenger's position by Saturday.

Starting order:

Men

FIRST DIVISION (6.15): Caius, LMBC, Downing, Pembroke, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Emmanuel, Jesus, Clare, Fitzwilliam, Selwyn, Trinity Hall, Churchill, Magdalene, St Catharine's, Pembroke II, Christ's
SECOND DIVISION (7.30): LMBC II, Queens', Downing II, Jesus II, Peterhouse, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Sidney Sussex, Caius II, Christ's II, Emmanuel II, Robinson, Corpus Christi, Clare II, Selwyn II, LMBC III, Jesus III.
THIRD DIVISION (6.45): Trinity Hall II, Girton, Churchill II, King's, Magdalene II, Fitzwilliam II, Queens' II, Clare III, St Catharine's II, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, Trinity Hall III, Peterhouse II, Darwin, Corpus Christi II, LMBC IV, Caius III.
FOURTH DIVISION (6.0): Pembroke III, Jesus IV, Addenbrookes, Sidney Sussex II, LMBC V, Christ's III, Churchill III, Downing III, Queens' III, Emmanuel III, Magdalene III, LMBC VI, Fitzwilliam III, Wolfson, Clare IV, Christ's IV.
FIFTH DIVISION (5.15): King's II, 1st and 3rd Trinity IV, Downing IV, Emmanuel IV, Pembroke IV, Queens' IV, Selwyn III, Churchill IV, LMBC VII, Girton II, St Catharine's III, Magdalene IV, Corpus Christi III, Caius IV, Jesus V, 1st and 3rd Trinity V.
SIXTH DIVISION (4.30): Sidney Sussex III, Magdalene V, LMBC VIII, Jesus VI, Clare V, St Catharine's IV, Selwyn IV, Fitzwilliam IV, Christ's V, Churchill V, Robinson II, Downing V, Emmanuel V, King's III, CCAT, Theological Colleges.
SEVENTH DIVISION (3.45): Corpus Christi IV, Hughes Hall, Girton III, 1st and 3rd Trinity VI, St Edmund's House, Fitzwilliam V, Girton IV, Wolfson II, Pembroke V, Peterhouse III, Trinity Hall IV, Jesus VII, LMBC IX, Robinson III, 1st and 3rd Trinity VII, Peterhouse IV, Robinson IV, King's IV.

Women

FIRST DIVISION (3.0): Churchill, Jesus, Newnham, New Hall, Fitzwilliam, Clare, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Caius, St Catharine's, Trinity Hall, Homerton, Emmanuel, Girton, Christ's, LMBC, Newnham II, Queens', Churchill II, Downing, Sidney Sussex, Selwyn, New Hall II.
SECOND DIVISION (2.15): Clare II, Jesus II, 1st and 3rd Trinity II, Newnham III, OMABC, Girton II, Selwyn II, Homerton II, Corpus Christi, Christ's II, Pembroke, Trinity Hall II, New Hall III, Addenbrookes, Peterhouse, Wolfson, Caius II, Newnham IV, Emmanuel II, Girton III, Robinson, Jesus III.
THIRD DIVISION (1.30): Clare III, Sidney Sussex II, CCAT, Hughes Hall, St Edmund's House, Fitzwilliam II, LMBC II, Downing II, Churchill III, St Catharine's II, Jesus IV, Homerton III, Corpus Christi II, Churchill IV, LMBC III, Girton IV, Pembroke II, Homerton IV, Clare IV, Christ's III, Fitzwilliam III, LMBC IV
FOURTH DIVISION (12.45): Trinity Hall III, OMABC II, Jesus V, Queens' II, Emmanuel III, Robinson II, 1st and 3rd Trinity III, Selwyn III, Queens' III, Downing III, Caius III, Queens' IV, Homerton V, Caius IV, OMABC III, LMBC V, OMABC IV, Churchill V, LMBC VI, Trinity Hall IV, Clare V, New Hall IV, Robinson III.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup
Semi-finals
11.0 to 7.30, 55 overs
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Hampshire.
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Derbyshire.

Tour match
11.0 to 6.30, 98 overs minimum
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v West Indians.

Other matches
HARROGATE: Tilcon Trophy.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: **Chesterfield:** Derbyshire v Northamptonshire; **Abergavenny:** Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire; **Bournemouth:** Hampshire v Essex; **Folkestone:** Kent v Gloucestershire; **Uppingham:** Leicestershire v Lancashire; **Harefield:** Middlesex v Sussex; **Glastonbury CC:** Somerset v Surrey; **Leamington Spa CC:** Warwickshire v Worcestershire.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British middleweight championship: Herol Graham v James Cook (at Sheffield).
CYCLING: Milk Race (Ninth stage: Hull to Hull).
GOLF: Wilson club professionals championship (at Royal St David's); Glenmuir assistants' championship (at Dalmahoy).
MOTORCYCLING: Isle of Man TT races.
PARACHUTING: Vaux Breweries British national open championships (at Bridlington).
SPEEDWAY: Meetings at Cradley Heath; Mildenhall: Wimbledon; Long Eaton.
SQUASH RACKETS: *Dunlop champion of champions* (at Cannons Club, London EC4)
TENNIS: Stella Artois championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington); Dow Chemicals classic (at Edgbaston); Royal Bank of Scotland championships (at Craiglockart).
YACHTING: Weymouth Olympic week.

SPORT ON TV

CRICKET: BBC1 10.50 a.m.-1.0 p.m., 1.50-2.15 p.m. BBC2 2.15-7.30: **Benson and Hedges Cup:** Live coverage of one of today's semi-finals (see also Sportsnight).
MIDWEEK SPORT SPECIAL: ITV 10.35 p.m.: **Boxing:** WBC Middleweight championship: *Thomas Hearns v Iran Barkley:* Highlights from the Las Vegas Hilton. **Football:** Preview of the European championship. **Rugby Union:** Latest news of England's and Wales's tours.
SPORTSNIGHT: BBC1 10.20 *p.m.: Boxing:* British middleweight championship: Herol Graham v James Cook live from Sheffield. **Football:** Preview of the European championship and assessment of the eight teams participating. **Cricket:** Benson and Hedges Cup. Highlights of one of today's semi-finals.
YACHTING: BBC1 7.35 p.m.: **Cudmore's Call:** Harold Cudmore demonstrates the skills of offshore racing.

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Spirits Dancing can remain unbeaten

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

With Henry Cecil's huge Newmarket stable running into form Spirits Dancing appeals as a good bet to win the Ballymacoll Stud Stakes at Newbury today. She is my nap.

She was unbeaten at two, but this season she has been relatively slow in coming to hand. However, the indications are that she is poised to begin this season where she left off last term.

But for developing a nasal discharge soon after that impressive win at Newmarket on the second of her two appearances, Spirits Dancing might have achieved success on a higher plane last autumn.

Sir Michael Sobell and Lord Weinstock, as the owners of the sponsoring stud, would dearly love to win their race with Elevate. However, she only scraped home at Wolverhampton last time out has quite a bit to find on form.

Andaleeb and Dowager Empress look greater dangers in this instance, but whereas Cecil's stable is firing Jeremy Tree's is not. For that reason Spirits Dancing is preferred to Andaleeb, who impressed when beating the useful Ghariba in her only race last year.

As for Dowager Empress, who represents last year's winning combination of Barry Hills and Robert Sangster, Cecil has a good line through Dalgan, who beat her by a neck at Lingfield.

A more likely winner for Manton today is Border Guard in the Hermitage Stakes, which was another prize which they scooped up on the corresponding occasion last year.

No horse deserves this one more than Border Guard, having run Intimate Guest and Rawnak so close at Thirsk and Newmarket respectively this spring.

While local trainer James Bethell is hoping to provide his wife, Sally, with a winner just a week after she presented him with a daughter, I feel that Late Matinee, their runner in the George Smith Memorial Handicap, may be pipped by Chummy's Favourite.

First time out Chummy's Favourite was only a length behind Late Matinee, who had had a run already, when they finished third and fifth respectively behind Cadeaux Genereux at Newmarket. Now he is 4lb better off.

In the meantime Chummy's Favourite was just touched off over seven furlongs at Doncaster. As he is by Song and out of a mare by Welsh Saint, it is hardly surprising that he did not quite last home, and the furlong shorter trip this afternoon should suit him ideally.

Walter Swinburn is again required at Yarmouth by Michael Stoute, principally to introduce a promising two-year-old, as he did yesterday with Dubrovnik. In this instance it is Hope And Glory who is suggested as a good bet to beat the more experienced Billsha in the Fritton Lake Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Bourbon Topsy also appeals in the Merchant's House Maiden Fillies' Stakes having run so well against Catawba at York.

Blinkered first time

BEVERLEY: 9.5 Lady Verdi. NEWBURY: 4.0 Highland Park. YARMOUTH: 4.15 Saline.

New entry system set for launch

By Dick Hinder

The Jockey Club is putting the finishing touches to the new five-day entry system due to be launched on November 16. The first entries will be made for the Leicester and Warwick meetings on November 21.

The present method of entering horses 21 days before a race, then having a four-day declaration and an overnight cancellation will be replaced by a five-day entry and an overnight declaration.

The radical changes, outlined at a press conference at Portman Square yesterday, were approved by the Jockey Club stewards in November 1986, with the intention of reducing the 500,000 entries made annually for 60,000 runners to a figure in the region of 150,000.

The additional cost of running the five-day entry, with increased staffing at Weatherbys, was originally estimated at £315,000, but Paul Greeves, director of operations for the Jockey Club, said that figure was now expected to be approximately £100,000.

Although entries will continue to be accepted at the Wellingborough headquarters of Weatherbys by telex, facsimile or letter, the majority will be made by telephone, with trainers and owners issued with a personal identity code for security purposes. A help desk is being set up to assist with problems.

The number of early closing races, such as classics, pattern races and major handicaps, will be at least comparable to the present level. The entries and weights for these races will be published in the *Racing Calendar* and will have a "confirmation of entry" stage five days before the race.

The cost of an entry, with a single fee charged, will, in the main, be one per cent of the advertised race value.

Ill-health compels Douieb to leave Newmarket stable

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Olivier Douieb, the 43-year-old Newmarket-based trainer, is to return to France at the end of the Flat season. He is to be replaced next year by Alex Scott, who will be operating at Oak Stables on behalf of Sheikh Maktoum Al-Maktoum.

Michael Goodbody, Sheikh Maktoum's racing and stud manager, said yesterday: "Unfortunately Douieb is giving up training due to ill-health, though we have asked Alex Scott to train some of our horses there next year. He will be free to take other people's as well.

"Olivier is going back to France to be near his doctors," he added. "He will almost certainly continue to train, but he has to think of his health."

This is a surprise move. Only a fortnight ago the 28-year-old Scott, currently assistant to Dick Hern, announced that he had purchased Fitzroy House Stables, also at Newmarket.

"Just over a week ago I was told that Mr Douieb was leaving and they asked me to fill the slot," Scott said yesterday. "This is a marvellous opportunity, and in due course I will be leasing Fitzroy House."

Douieb is a top-class trainer but he has not been in good health for some time. When based at Chantilly he won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe for Robert Sangster with Detroit.

He moved to England in 1984 and his first winner was Meis El-Reem, who went on to finish second to Pebbles in the 1,000 Guineas. He has won the European Free Handicap twice in the past four years with Over The Ocean and Noble Minstrel.

Royal Ascot news came from Guy Harwood, who has saddled 13 winners at the Royal meeting in the past nine years. Sadeem, recently third to Primitive Rising at Sandown, is to renew that rivalry in the Ascot Gold Cup. El Conquistador, the conqueror of Overdrive at Haydock, will run in either the Gold Cup or the Queen Alexandra Stakes.

Zero Watt goes for the Ascot Stakes, while Doncaster winner Green Adventure has the Queen's Vase as his objective. Ile De Chypre is to be aimed at the 1½-mile King George V Handicap.

Olivier Douieb: will be replaced by Alex Scott

However, Warning, the winter favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, is not expected to be back in action until the Sussex Stakes at the Goodwood July meeting. "The horses are doing well and picking up nicely," said the trainer, "but I'll have to wait until they tell me they are ready to run."

Tralos, undefeated as a two-year-old but yet to reappear this season, is still a possible for Ascot. "He will work tomorrow and again on Saturday before I reach a decision," the trainer continued.

Harwood hopes to have one-time Derby hope Undercut back on the course by mid-July.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Stellaria.
2.30 Border Guard.
3.00 Chummy's Favourite.
3.30 SPIRITS DANCING (nap).
4.00 Northern Alert.
4.30 In The Rigging.
5.00 Celtic Dove.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Hasty Vessel.
2.30 Persian Heights.
3.00 Chummy's Favourite.
3.30 SPIRITS DANCING (nap).
4.00 Musical Look.
4.30 In The Rigging.
5.00 Crisp Heart.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 PROFILIC.

Going: good **Draw: no significant advantage**

2.0 WEST ILSLEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,272: 5f) (11 runners)

103	(11)		CARTIER BIJOUX (R Patton) D Elsworth 8-11	S Cauthen	—
105	(8)		DOWN THE VALLEY (R Shannon) R Hannon 8-11	L Jones	—
106	(2)		FAIR DOMAIN (Lady Dunphie) I Balding 8-11	T Ives	—
108	(7)		HASTY VESSEL (G Hughes) C Brittain 8-11	R Cochrane	—
110	(3)	0	JOMANA 15 (M Nashar) J Fox 8-11	L Dettori (5)	—
113	(4)		LUAGA (D Pugh) M Blanshard 8-11	N Adams	—
114	(6)		SILVER LIGHTNING (Inrogroup Holdings Ltd) N Vigors 8-11	S Dawson	—
115	(9)		SPANISH LOVE (M Holley) M McCormack 8-11	M Wigham	—
116	(5)		STELLARIA (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-11	W Carson	—
118	(10)	220	SWEET 'N' SHARP 15 (Al-Deera Bloodstock) G Fytch 8-11	T Quinn	—
119	(1)		ULTIMATE DREAM (C Rogers) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	—

BETTING: 9-4 Cartier Bijoux, 3-1 Stellaria, 11-2 Fair Domain, 7-1 Sweet 'N' Sharp, 8-1 Hasty Vessel, 12-1 Down The Valley, Spanish Love, 16-1 others.

1987: MAGIC OF LIFE 8-11 Pat Eddery (11-8 fav) J Tree 11 ran

FORM SWEET 'N' SHARP (8-11) 6¾l 5th to Pass The Peace (8-11) at Salisbury (5f mdn, £2173, firm, May 24, 15 ran) with JOMANA (8-11) 5¾l 12th.

CARTIER BIJOUX (Foaled Mar 31, cost IR20,000gns) by Ahonoora out of a dual juvenile scorer. Half-sister to Royal Ascot winner Miss Silca Key.

FAIR DOMAIN (Foaled Mar 12) by prolific sire Dominion out of dam who won twice.

HASTY VESSEL (Foaled Jan 27) is by successful American sire Raise A Cup out of a minor winner up to 1m 1f.

STELLARIA (Foaled Apr 5, cost $400,000) is by Roberto out of a Northern Dancer mare, and a half-sister to 5 winners and a three quarters sister to the unbeaten Tralos.

Selection: SWEET 'N' SHARP

2.30 HERMITAGE STAKES (£7,427: 1m) (5 runners)

202	(4)	4	LOTS OF LUCK 12 (B) (T Klaveness) E Eldin 5-9-0	T Ives	79
203	(1)	12-0130	NAIL DON 7 (D,G) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 3-8-12	W Carson	84
205	(2)	0120-22	BORDER GUARD 19 (BF,F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-5	M Hills	● 99
206	(3)	11-	DUST DEVIL 233 (S) (A Ison) J Dunlop 3-8-5	J Reid	84
207	(5)	2113-	PERSIAN HEIGHTS 249 (G) (Prince Y Saud) G Huffer 3-8-5	R Cochrane	94

BETTING: 7-4 Border Guard, 5-2 Persian Heights, 4-1 Dust Devil, 5-1 Nail Don, 10-1 Lots Of Luck.

1987: ACCOMPANIST 3-8-5 C Asmussen (5-1) B Hills 5 ran

FORM LOTS OF LUCK, a winner four times in Norway, (9-0) 7l 4th to Cowley (8-3) at Pontefract (1m 2f, £2696, firm, May 27, 7 ran) on British debut.

NAIL DON (8-12) showed best at Newmarket (1m 1f, £4979, good, Apr 28, 4 ran) beating House Of Commons (8-7) ¾l.

BORDER GUARD (8-10) favourite when a length 2nd to Rawnak (8-10) last time at Newmarket (7f, £11394, good, May 20, 7 ran).

DUST DEVIL (9-5) odds on for a 4l win from Nikitas (8-12) at Chepstow (7f, £1055, soft, Oct 19, 13 ran).

PERSIAN HEIGHTS (9-0) 5½l 3rd to Gallic League (9-0) at Newmarket (6f group I, £46224, firm, Oct 3, 5 ran).

Selection: BORDER GUARD

3.0 GEORGE SMITH MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,064: 6f) (13 runners)

303	(13)	0-20	EMPIRE JOY 33 (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 9-7	R Cochrane	92
305	(4)	123100	BALLAD DANCER 9 (D,S) (J Heymans) G Price 9-5	J Williams	92
306	(2)	0421-03	LATE MATINEE 18 (D,S) (Mrs J Bethell) J Bethell 9-4	P Cook	91
307	(1)	023-02	CHUMMY'S FAVOURITE 9 (M Hill) N Callaghan 8-13	W Carson	98
308	(5)	00041-0	VICEROY JESTER 6 (B,D,S) (F Broom) D Elsworth 8-13	S Dawson	84
309	(8)	330-042	TURBO SPEED 20 (B,D,G) (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-12	M Hills	91
310	(7)	24211-0	ROEDEAN HONEY 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Boanas) P Makin 8-12	J Reid	90
313	(6)	410-24	FAVOURITE GIRL 33 (BF,S) (H Mould) H Candy 8-12	W Newnes	87
314	(9)	000-213	BLUE RHYTHM 11 (G,S) (R Green) D Laing 8-12	T Williams	92
315	(3)	40-0020	CHARMED KNAVE 20 (F) (Mrs M Olsson) D Laing 8-11	S Whitworth	90
317	(10)	000141	PROFILIC 12 (D,F,G) (J Goodman) Capt J Wilson 8-8 (7ex)	K Darley	● 99
319	(11)	3400-0	DR SOCK IT TO ME 27 (R Flower) J Sutcliffe 8-4	B Rouse	92
320	(12)	00-0320	FABLED ORATOR 6 (F) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 8-2	A McGlone	94

BETTING: 9-2 Profilic, 5-1 Chummy's Favourite, 6-1 Late Matinee, 15-2 Roedean Honey, 8-1 Turbo Speed, 10-1 Favourite Girl, Blue Rhythm, 12-1 Dr Sock It To Me, 14-1 Viceroy Jester, 16-1 others.

1987: MA PETITE LASSIE 8-11 J Reid (25-1) M Francis 11 ran

FORM EMPIRE JOY (9-0) best form a ½ 2nd to Sleepy Mountain (9-0) at Newmarket (6f mdn, £3857, good, Apr 13, 10 ran).

LATE MATINEE (7-13) 4l 3rd to Cadeaux General (8-0) at Newmarket (6f h'cap, £16516, good, May 21, 16 ran) with CHUMMY'S FAVOURITE (7-12) a length 5th.

TURBO SPEED (8-12) 3l 2nd to Ashtina (8-6) at Goodwood (6f h'cap, £4006, good to firm, May 19, 6 ran) with CHARMED KNAVE (8-11) 9¾l 6th.

CHARMED KNAVE (9-3) on penultimate start at Lingfield (6f h'cap, £3439, good, May 6, 13 ran) 6l 2nd to Marbella Silks (8-6) with FAVOURITE GIRL (9-3) 2l 4th.

PROFILIC (8-12) 4l winner from Hinari Hi Fi (8-6) at Haydock latest start (6f h'cap, £3766, good to firm, May 27, 17 ran).

Selection: TURBO SPEED

3.30 BALLYMACOLL STUD STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £7,895: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

401	(1)	11-	SPIRITS DANCING 284 (F,G) (S Niarchos) H Cecil 8-12	S Cauthen	92
402	(2)	1-	ANDALEEB 284 (C,G) (K Abdulla) J Tree 8-9	S Raymont	98
404	(3)	144	CUT NO ICE 28 (C,G) (T Rootes) P Walwyn 8-9	J Reid	95
406	(6)	410-2	DOWAGER EMPRESS 18 (D,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-9	M Hills	● 99
407	(7)	3320-12	EARLY CALL 15 (BF,G) (C Trotter) H Candy 8-9	W Newnes	89
408	(8)	20-41	ELEVATE 22 (F) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-9	W Carson	87
409	(4)		HEAD OF THE RIVER (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 8-9	B Procter	—
415	(5)	3130-3	TRISTE OEIL 32 (F) (A Ali) M Stoute 8-9	R Cochrane	93

BETTING: 6-4 Spirits Dancing, 7-2 Andaleeb, 6-1 Dowager Empress, 8-1 Triste Oeil, 10-1 Cut No Ice, 12-1 Elevate, 14-1 Early Call, 20-1 Head Of The River.

1987: BLESSED EVENT 8-9 C Asmussen (6-1) B Hills 7 ran

FORM SPIRITS DANCING (8-6) made all to beat Compton Lady (8-6) 2½l at Newmarket (1m list, £11804, good, Aug 29, 8 ran).

ANDALEEB (8-6) beat Ghariba (8-8) a length here (7f, £6180, good, Sept 18, 27 ran).

CUT NO ICE (8-11) 4¾l 4th to Miss Boniface (8-11) at Goodwood (1m 2f list, £18503, good to firm, May 19, 4 ran).

DOWAGER EMPRESS (8-2) a neck 2nd to Dalgan (8-7) at Lingfield (1m 2f, £5057, good to firm, May 21, 10 ran).

ELEVATE (8-5) beat Buzzbomb (8-9) a short head at Wolverhampton (1m 4f, £3475, firm, May 17, 7 ran).

TRISTE OEIL (8-9) 3rd beaten 3½l by Bahamian (8-9) at Lingfield (1m 4f list, £14568, good, May 7, 7 ran).

Selection: SPIRITS DANCING

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4.0 BERKSHIRE STAKES (2-Y-O: colts & geldings: £4,713: 6f) (10 runners)

501	(10)	311	NORTHERN ALERT 4 (F,G) (Mrs D Weatherby) C Nelson 8-11	I Johnson	● 99
502	(5)	410	OUT RUN 7 (D,F) (S Threadwell) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	92
503	(8)	0	ALWAYS VALIANT 19 (Dewiresh Mushrooms) N Callaghan 8-8	W Carson	—
504	(2)	3	COTTENHAM 40 (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 8-8	S Cauthen	92
506	(4)	0	FECAMP 27 (Sir G White) B Hills 8-8	M Hills	—
507	(7)		FRIDAY THROWER (M Jenney) I Balding 8-8	T Ives	—
508	(6)	30	HIGHLAND PARK 11 (V) (P Muldoon) S Muldoon 8-8	R Cochrane	91
509	(1)		MUSICAL LOOK (A Williams) P Kelleway 8-8	J Reid	—
510	(3)		NICKLE JOE 30 (T Coleman) M Tate 8-8	P Cook	—
511	(9)	00	SAGLAWY 33 (Al-Deera Bloodstock) G Fytche 8-8	T Quinn	74

BETTING: 11-4 Cottenham, 7-2 Northern Alert, 6-1 Focamp, Musical Look, 15-2 Out Run, 8-1 Friday Thrower, 12-1 Always Valiant, 16-1 others.

1987: (5f) INTIMIDATE 8-6 T Ives (10-1) C Brittain 4 ran

FORM NORTHERN ALERT (9-7) beat Good Holidays (8-6) 2l at Catterick (6f, £1722, good to firm, June 4, 6 ran).

OUT RUN (9-0) best effort a ½l defeat of Green's Landscaper (9-0) at Brighton (6f mdn, £1951, firm, May 17, 11 ran).

COTTENHAM (8-11) not much room when 4½l 3rd to Superpower (9-2) at Newmarket (5f, £3629, good, Apr 29, 5 ran).

HIGHLAND PARK (9-0) best effort a 3¼l 3rd to Dawn Success (9-0) at York (6f mdn, £3554, good, May 12, 9 ran) with FECAMP (9-0) 8th.

SAGLAWY (9-0) 7½l 5th to Silks Princess (8-4) at Lingfield (5f mdn, £2797, good, May 6, 9 ran).

Selection: OUT RUN

4.30 LAMBOURN FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,246: 7f 60yd) (16 runners)

603	(5)	300-030	FULL BLAST 9 (F) (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 9-7	—	89
604	(7)	102-020	ASHRAF DANCER 21 (BF,F) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 9-5	F Arrowsmith (7)	97
605	(3)	14-340	STRAIGHT GOLD 13 (S) (J Sayers) N Vigors 9-5	S Cauthen	94
606	(9)	02-1	IN THE RIGGING 67 (S) (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 9-3	R Cochrane	98
607	(11)	0-33100	ELA-YIANNI-MOU 6 (F,G,S) (P Charalambous) M Brittain 9-1	M Wigham	97
609	(12)	1100-0	FALL IN THE BLUES 20 (F,S) (Mrs P Goulandris) P Walwyn 9-1	N Howe	91
610	(14)	03-3400	RATION OF PASSION 16 (N Bryce-Smith) J Bridger 8-11	W Newnes	92
611	(1)	210-000	PRIMULETTE 12 (F) (Lord Vestey) H Candy 8-10	J Carter (5)	98
612	(4)	004000-	DEMERGER 252 (C Blackwell) R Hannon 8-10	B Rouse	89
613	(10)	040-000	PETINGO GOLD 32 (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) G Balding 8-10	J Matthias	—
615	(16)	1-02002	FILLE D'ESPRIT 13 (S) (Mrs C Dickson) W Haggas 8-6	W Carson	● 99
617	(8)	003-00	PARDONNEZ MOI 9 (Mrs O Lusty) J Fox 8-4	L Dettori (5)	89
619	(6)	02-0	QUEENSTYLE 33 (W Kelly) M Blanshard 8-1	N Adams	91
620	(15)	0004-00	LADY OF SHALOTT 35 (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-1	T Williams	90
621	(2)	00020-0	DERRALEENA 35 (Mrs A Norman) W Wightman 7-7	S Dawson	95
622	(13)	00-000	VICTORIA LINE 20 (Mrs J Buckle) G Balding 7-7	N Carlisle	—

Long handicap: Derraleena 7-6, Victoria Line 7-5.

BETTING: 5-2 In The Rigging, 4-1 Fille D'Esprit, 11-2 Ashraf Dancer, 7-1 Straight Gold, 10-1 Ela Yianni-Mou, 11-1 Fall In The Blues, 12-1 Primulette, 16-1 others.

1987: RATHER HOMELY 7-12 T Williams (9-2) P Cole 6 ran

FORM ASHRAF DANCER (9-5) on penultimate start 3l 2nd to Princess Genista (9-5) at Epsom (1m 110yd h'cap, £4511, soft, Apr 20, 11 ran), with STRAIGHT GOLD (9-5) 1½l 3rd and LADY OF SHALOTT (8-5) 4½l 6th.

IN THE RIGGING (8-11) beat Mac's Sister (8-6) a head at Newcastle (1m mdn, £1828, good to soft, Apr 2, 5 ran).

FALL IN THE BLUES (8-9) 10½l 5th to Ashtina (8-6) at Goodwood (6f h'cap, £4006, may 19, 6 ran).

FILLE D'ESPRIT (7-10) short head 2nd to La Grande Danseuse (8-6) at Brighton (1m h'cap, £5481, firm, May 26, 9 ran) with STRAIGHT GOLD (8-9) 5½l 6th.

QUEENSTYLE (8-9) best effort a short head 2nd to Syml (8-9) at Wolverhampton (5f mdn, £1406, good to firm, Aug 31, 4 ran).

Selection: FILLE D'ESPRIT

5.0 NETHERAVON HANDICAP (£4,259: 1m 5f 60yd) (17 runners)

1	(17)	101-210	TANCRED WALK 23 (F,G) (K Mells) C Jackson 9-9-11	W Newnes	92
3	(11)	00-0000	PRIME PRINCE 12 (S) (R Kelly) D Hanley 4-9-9	T Williams	87
4	(3)	000-03	WESTERN DANCER 11 (F,G,S) (L Spencer) C Horgan 7-9-8	R Fox	94
6	(15)	00/0-0	MARDAS 15 (B) (Maj W Hern) W Hern 4-9-4	W Carson	—
7	(9)	3403-00	CRISP HEART 16 (G Shropshire) J Winter 4-9-3	M Hills	91
9	(16)	4-00014	COMMON FARM 15 (F,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 5-9-0	M Wigham	89
10	(12)	001312	CELTIC DOVE 4 (F,S) (Mrs V Prince) G Price 5-9-0 (6ex)	J Williams	91
11	(1)	090231-	PRINCE SATIRE 214J (S) (Britannic Travel Ltd) R Akehurst 6-8-13	R Hills (5)	● 99
13	(4)	0-04200	CHEERFUL TIMES 12 (G,S) (M Sturgess) K Ivory 5-8-11	P Barnard (5)	94
14	(2)	00-0320	LULLABY BABY 15 (F,S) (T Stivler) Miss S Oliver 4-8-10	NON-RUNNER	—
15	(14)	140-001	MILLPOND BOY 9 (B) (R Hodges) C Hill 4-8-8 (6ex)	S Cauthen	97
16	(6)	3-41001	SAY YOU 13 (F) (T Prebble) P Howling 4-8-6	T Ives	98
18	(13)	2000-04	JABARABA 30 (F) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 7-8-4	T Lang (7)	94
19	(8)	3104-13	WINDBOUND LASS 33J (BF,F) (R Savery) R Holder 5-8-3	S Dawson	90
20	(7)	000/402	HOLLY BROWN 37 (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 5-8-0	A McGlone	93
21	(5)	102440-	THE WOODEN HUT 232J (S) (F Bull) R Voorspuy 5-8-0	B Rouse	90
23	(10)	000-000	DANRIBO 14 (L Cottrell) L Cottrell 5-7-7	N Adams	—

Long handicap: Danribo 6-11.

BETTING: 5-1 Millpond Boy, 11-2 Say You, 6-1 Celtic Dove, 7-1 Western Dancer, 8-1 Prince Satire, 10-1 Tancred Walk, 12-1 Windbound Lass, Jabaraba, 16-1 others.

1987: WHITE MILL 5-8-9 J Williams (9-4 jt-fav) G Balding 7 ran

FORM WESTERN DANCER (8-7) 2½l 3rd to Ocean Ballad (10-1) at Doncaster (1m 4f h'cap, £3252, good to firm, May 28, 11 ran).

CRISP HEART (7-12) best effort a 2l 3rd to Aim To Please (9-7) here (1m 5f 60yd h'cap, £4078, heavy, Oct 22, 14 ran).

CELTIC DOVE (8-3) 3l 2nd to In Dreams (9-6) at Haydock (1m 6f h'cap, £3894, good to soft, June 4, 5 ran).

PRINCE SATIRE (11-9) beat Kentucky Star (10-13) a short head at Folkestone (1m 4f am, £1062, good to soft, Oct 29, 15 ran).

MILLPOND BOY (8-3) beat Per Quod (9-5) ½l at Chepstow (1m 2f h'cap, £2322, good to soft, May 30, 8 ran).

SAY YOU (9-3) beat Miller's Tale (8-13) a length at Brighton (1m 4f app h'cap, £1713, firm, May 26, 7 ran).

Selection: SAY YOU

Course specialists

	TRAINERS				JOCKEYS		
	Winners	Runners	Per cent		Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	23	66	34.8	S Cauthen	34	175	19.4
M Stoute	15	67	22.4	W Carson	27	201	13.4
K Ivory	3	20	15.0	T Ives	13	101	12.9
L Cumani	5	34	14.7	R Cochrane	10	99	10.1
W Hern	18	128	14.1	J Reid	10	107	9.3
C Brittain	12	91	13.2	T Quinn	10	117	8.5

YARMOUTH

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Known Lady.
2.45 Hope And Glory.
3.15 Santella Jack.
3.45 School Concert.
4.15 Bourbon Topsy.
4.45 Newsells Park.

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2.15 Known Lady.
2.45 Hope And Glory.
3.15 Jarras.
3.45 School Concert.
4.15 Bourbon Topsy.
4.45 Pradel.

By Michael Seely

2.45 Hope And Glory. 3.15 PIERROCINI (nap). 3.45 Bourbon Topsy.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 6f-1m, high numbers best**

2.15 FLEGGS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £872: 6f) (7 runners)

1	(3)	00133	ANNA MAY WONG 11 (S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 8-11	J Quinn (5)	95
2	(5)	00	BREAK THE MOULD 11 (BF) (T Page) W Wilson 8-11	A Riding (7)	88
3	(2)	0044	BREEZY TALE 5 (P Burton) Mrs J Reavey 8-11	D McKay	95
5	(7)	0022	GO RABALL GO 11 (BF) (A Irish) C Allen 8-11	G Bardwell (5)	● 99
7	(6)	00	ON AND OFF 32 (W Stephenson) J Jenkins 8-11	B Raymond	87
11	(1)	003	KNOWN LADY 9 (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-6	Paul Eddery	94
13	(4)	003	MOOR FROLICKING 12 (M Evans) T M Jones 8-6	W R Swinburn	85

BETTING: 3-1 Go Raball Go, 4-1 Anna May Wong, Known Lady, 6-1 Break The Mould, 13-2 Breezy Tale, 7-1 Moor Frolicking, 10-1 On And Off.

1987: LITTLE RHIAN 8-6 G French (16-1) P Haslam 8 ran

2.45 FRITTON LAKE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,672: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(9)		BEAUTIFUL NINA (Mrs B Blum) G Blum 8-11	G Duffield	—
2	(2)	0	BELLE-COTE 30 (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-11	R Morse (5)	—
3	(10)	3	BILLSHA 11 (M Suhail) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	● 99
4	(3)		BLUE MISCHIEF (R Gibbons) Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	—
6	(11)		CREDIT LINE (Mrs A Macintosh) R Boss 8-11	M Rimmer	—
8	(5)		EEZEPEEZE (J Livock) D Thom 8-11	R McGhin	—
13	(7)		HOPE AND GLORY (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
14	(1)		HYBORIA (R Popely) F Durr 8-11	M L Thomas	—
16	(4)		LIFE AT THE TOP (Mrs M Landi) A Stewart 8-11	M Roberts	—
17	(6)		LOVELY FLOWER (H Joel) W Jarvis 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
20	(8)	0	SQUEEZE ME 11 (M Bamber) I Matthews 8-11	N Day	—

BETTING: 7-4 Hope And Glory, 5-2 Billsha, 11-2 Life At The Top, 6-1 Belle-Cote, 8-1 Squeeze Me, Lovely Flower, 10-1 others.

1987: (5f 25yd) BRIDAL BUSH 8-6 A Geran (15-8 fav) B Hanbury 8 ran

3.15 RADIO NORFOLK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,968: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

2	(4)	0200	RAZEEN 11 (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 9-7	R Morse (5)	91
3	(12)	1	JARRAS 26 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-5	M Roberts	90
5	(5)	02-30	THE FRESHES 32 (Mrs N Farmer) W Jarvis 9-2	B Raymond	83
6	(10)	020-030	LUCKY POPPY 27 (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11	Paul Eddery	93
7	(2)	00-01	MAINWARING 26 (F) (Lord H de Walden) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-10	G Carter	83
10	(1)	000-	SKY CONQUEROR 218 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douieb 8-5	W R Swinburn	83
12	(9)	83-01	KRYPTON KNIGHT 12 (D,F) (T Cheah) R Hutchinson 8-2	A Shoults (3)	● 99
13	(8)	000	MEL'S ROSE 30 (R Sabey) G Huffer 8-0	G Baxter	94
15	(11)	0001-00	PICOVUS 37 (B) (F Marsh) John FitzGerald 7-13	R Hills	94
18	(3)	4000-00	TULSA FLYER ENCORE 12 (Tulsa Ltd) C Brittain 7-13	W Ryan	85
19	(14)	00330-0	PLAUSIBLE 37 (F Judson) A Hide 7-12	B Crossley	85
20	(7)	040-0	PIERROCINI 18 (Stuncroft Ltd) R Casey 7-10	C Rutter	92
23	(13)	20-002	SANTELLA JACK 12 (J Fisher) M Ryan 7-8	G Bardwell (5)	94
27	(8)	000	NAR 29 (F Kelle) N Callaghan 7-7	M L Thomas	—

Long handicap: Nar 7-5.

BETTING: 5-2 Jarras, 3-1 Mainwaring, 4-1 Krypton Knight, 6-1 Pierrocini, 7-1 Santella Jack, 8-1 Sky Conqueror, 9-1 Razeen, 12-1 The Freshes, 14-1 others.

1987: LOTUS ISLAND 7-8 G Carter (7-2) G Wragg 8 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 TURFCALL APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (£1,842: 7f) (13 runners)

4	(13)	2020-00	REINDEER WALK 19 (D,F,G) (A Akhal) G Huffer 6-9-10	B Lane	90
5	(6)	020-443	SCHOOL CONCERT 22 (F) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Haggas 3-9-9	S Giles	91
7	(12)	14-0320	CIREN JESTER 11 (CD,G) (Mrs Fellowes) W Musson 4-9-3	A Spence	91
8	(3)	00-0600	INDIAN SET 12 (S) (J Halsey) P Howling 4-9-2	G Foster	86
9	(1)	000-	MISCELLANY 190J (I Glazer) P Haslam 4-9-2	S McKenna (5)	—
11	(2)	00-0	TATRA 58 (Lady Clague) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-13	Donna Heyman (5)	—
12	(5)	00-0000	TORRANCE 23 (D,G) D A Wilson 4-8-11	A Riding	90
13	(8)	2400-02	HIGHLAND IMAGE 9 (D,F) (T Blake) R Hutchinson 6-8-10	C Rate	96
17	(7)	020	DIAMOND TIP 22 (T Kidd) J Pearce 3-8-0	N Williams (5)	85
18	(4)	0002-00	ROYAL ACCLAIM 12 (Mrs B Wilkinson) A Hide 3-7-11	Cathy Clark (5)	90
19	(9)	000022	TARISTEAC 5 (G) (M Hall) S Bowring 8-7-10	G Hind	● 99
21	(11)	0/0000-0	IMPROVISE 9J (D,F) (J Campbell) W Kemp 5-7-9	R Price	—
22	(10)	01600-0	MAUREEN'S CAVALIER 9 (F) (C Cousins) P Burgoyne 4-7-8	A Tucker	86

BETTING: 15-8 School Concert, 5-2 Ciren Jester, 4-1 Highland Image, 5-1 Taristeac, 10-1 Diamond Tip, 12-1 Royal Acclaim, 16-1 others.

1987: BAXTERGATE 4-7-10 Vicky Gardiner (6-1) J Payne 16 ran

4.15 MERCHANT'S HOUSE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £1,739: 1m 3f 110yd) (19 runners)

2	(11)	0	ANN DU FEU 29 (D North) J Mackie 8-11	P D'Arcy	—
4	(15)		AUNT MABEL (D Paget) J Toller 8-11	G Duffield	—
6	(18)	02	BOURBON TOPSY 28 (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11	Paul Edd'ery	● 99
7	(12)		GLINT OF PEARL (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-11	M L Thos. 95	—
8	(3)		IBRAH (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 8-11	M Roberts	—
9	(1)	0	LINDROSS 11 (J Bray) R Armstrong 8-11	A Shoults (3)	82
10	(6)	00	LITTLE MISSILE 13 (W Fagan) H Collingridge 8-11	A Barclay	—
11	(7)	0	MARLOWVOUS 16 (K Underwood) D Morley 8-11	V Smith (5)	—
13	(9)	00	MISSOURI HELEN 5 (Mrs W Al-Mulla) G Huffer 8-11	G Baxter	—
14	(5)	0	NIGHT BLOOMER 18 (Mrs M Rosenthal) W Haggas 8-11	G Carter	—
15	(2)	0	PAPAIA 15 (Sallyview Ltd) H Cecil 8-11	W Ryan	86
18	(16)	00000-	PRETTY JAY 274 (Jay Bloodstock Ltd) W Kemp 8-11	R McGhin	—
21	(4)		RUM CAY (Oceanic Ltd) R Armstrong 8-11	N Day	—
22	(19)	40	SALINE 15 (B) (Sir M Sobell) Mrs L Piggott 8-11	B Crossley	—
23	(10)	2	SALONNIERE 18 (Miss K Rausing) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	83
24	(14)		SAMATRANA (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-11	A Kimberley	—
26	(17)	3-0	SHOALIH 54 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-11	R Hills	90
27	(13)	0-3	SHORTNING BREAD 22 (G Hahn) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	89
29	(8)		TIGHT SPIN (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douieb 8-11	R Machado	—

BETTING: 11-4 Papaia, 4-1 Shoalih, 9-2 Bourbon Topsy, Salonniere, 11-2 Shortning Bread, 11-1 Samatrana, 12-1 others.

1987: NORTHERN MOON 8-11 A Kimberley (6-1) M Stoute 10 ran

4.45 J MEDLER LTD HANDICAP (£2,389: 1m 6f) (5 runners)

1	(3)	44/102-0	NEWSELLS PARK 19 (D,F,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Winter 7-10-0	W R Swinburn	92
3	(1)	0002-400	FATU HIVA 9 (B,G) (R Kaselowsky) John FitzGerald 4-9-5	R Hills	91
4	(4)	133-000	ALL IS REVEALED 4 (V,CD,F,G) (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 6-9-1	M L Thomas	92
6	(2)	020-02	JACK LONDON 12 (Mrs D Perkins) B Hanbury 4-8-7	B Raymond	98
8	(5)	0333-31	PRADEL 16 (F) (Mrs W Sole) M Ryan 4-7-7 (4ex)	G Bardwell (5)	● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Jack London, 11-4 Pradel, 9-2 Newsells Park, 13-2 All Is Revealed, 10-1 Fatu Hiva.

1987: SIT ELNAAS 4-9-8 R Hills (10-1) Thomson Jones 10 ran

Course specialists

	TRAINERS				JOCKEYS		
	Winners	Runners	Per cent		Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	29	67	43.3	A Kimberley	8	27	29.6
M Stoute	23	77	29.9	W Ryan	10	48	20.8
B Hills	6	26	23.1	M Roberts	11	67	16.4
W Musson	6	29	20.7	W R Swinburn	14	92	15.2
Mrs C Reavey	3	16	18.8	G Baxter	8	69	11.6
B Hanbury	7	39	17.9	G Bardwell	3	26	11.5

(Not including yesterday's results)

BEVERLEY

Selections

By Mandarin

6.45 Tina's Beauty. 7.10 Breakaway. 7.35 Northern Line. 8.5 Implore. 8.35 Gold Tint. 9.5 What A Henry.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

6.45 Minus Man. 7.10 Kissagram Queen. 8.5 Implore. 8.35 Auntie Nick. 9.5 Al Asoof.

Going: firm
Draw: 5f, high numbers best

6.45 HURN APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (£1,076: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

2	0204	CHARLIE MILORD 23 E Eldin 4-9-10	D Dunnachie (7) 5
3	00-0	ERANTHE 12 (G) Ron Thompson 4-9-7	J Carr 4
6	2-23	TINA'S BEAUTY 30 (B) G Blum 4-9-5	Dale Gibson 15
8	030-	PETROC CONCERT 85J R Whitaker 4-9-3	K Bradshaw 8
9	080-	ELARIM 247 (CD,F,G) T Fairhurst 9-9-3	K Brownsword (7) 13
11	40-0	NOT YET 6 E Weymes 4-9-0	A Culhane 11
12	/004	AVRAEAS 11J (F,S) D Moffatt 9-8-10	P Burke 16
15	000/	DREAM ONCE MORE 300J T Kersey 7-8-8	D D'Arcy (7) 8
18	0-00	BELOW STAIRS 6 (B) W Haigh 5-8-8	S Wood 9
20	3404	BUZZARDS MAID 8 A D Brown 3-8-6	R Morse 14
21	420/	BOY SANDFORD 572J (F,G,S) B Preece 9-8-5	— 2
25	0-20	GLENDERRY 36 (G) S Muldoon 6-8-2	K Fallon 3
28	0-00	RUN TO WORK 12 T Kersey 4-7-12	R Price (7) 17
29	00/0-	CONNAUGHT BROADS 5J M Charles 5-7-12	Dana Mellor 1
30	04-0	MINUS MAN 25 (D,F,G,S) W Holden 10-7-11	D J Williams 7
31	0000	DELLMO FLEET 13 (B) W Bentley 3-7-10	— 10
33	-030	MAGIC MOVER 6 D Chapman 4-7-8	— 12

9-2 Glenderry, 11-2 Buzzards Maid, 6-1 Charlie Milord, 7-1 Not Yet, Tina's Beauty, 9-1 Elarim, 10-1 others.

7.10 BISHOP BURTON EBF STAKES (£3,132: 5f) (8)

1	3000	JOE SUGDEN 7 (V,CD,F,S) R Whitaker 4-9-11	K Bradshaw (5) 2
4	124-	BREAKAWAY 265 (D,F,G) J Etherington 3-9-0	K Darley 1
6	1-00	PATCON 16 (S) C Nelson 3-8-7	S Whitworth 4
7	21	KISSAGRAM QUEEN 16 (D,F) R Boss 3-8-6	N Connorton 8
8	-010	SAINT NAVARRO 29 (D,F) B McMahon 3-8-6	A Mackay 3
10	00	GROOMBRIDGE 16 A Hide 3-8-5	M Birch 6
11	00	JOYTOTHEWORLD 28 (B) W O'Gorman 3-8-5	S Keightley 7
12	20	MY OBJECTIVE 21 Mrs L Piggott 3-8-5	R Cochrane 5

2-1 Breakaway, 7-2 Patcon, 9-2 Kissagram Queen, 6-1 My Objective, 9-1 Joe Sugden, 12-1 others.

7.35 HILARY NEEDLER TROPHY (2-Y-O fillies: £4,760: 5f) (5)

3	12	KATHERINES EMERALD 25 (D,BF,G) C Thornton 8-8	J Bleasdale 4
4	321	LOCKHART 21 (D,F) A Smith 8-8	S Webster 1
6	01	MARCROFT 18 (D,F) R Whitaker 8-8	Dean McKeown 3
7	01	NORTHERN LINE 9 (D,F) M W Easterby 8-8	D Nicholls 5
10		BE KAFUL J Wainwright 8-4	S Whitworth 2

7-4 Northern Line, 9-4 Katherines Emerald, 3-1 Marcroft, 5-1 Lockhart, 10-1 Be Kaful.

8.5 TOWN CENTRE LEISURE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,040: 1m 100yd) (11)

1	U001	HOGAN'S RUN 9 (F) C Tinkler 9-13 (5ex)	M Birch 9
6	40-4	IMPLORE 23 R Casey 9-5	R Cochrane 8
10	0-04	PACIFIC GULL 28 B Hills 9-0	G Starkey 3
11	0-02	ERREMA 40 R Whitaker 8-13	Dean McKeown 5
14	0-00	MISS ALKIE 32 S Muldoon 8-7	A Culhane (5) 6
17	0004	HOLDENBY-15 T Fairhurst 8-3	S Whitworth 1
18	-040	GIBBOT 23 E Eldin 8-3	A Mackay 7
21	0-02	PRECIOUS MEMORIES 8 D Chapman 8-1	S Webster 2
22	0000	PICHON 26 E Alston 8-1	A Proud 10
23	-020	ATTILA THE HONEY 46 M Johnston 8-0	R P Elliott 4
26	0000	PERSIAN JOY 15 K Stone 7-11	J Lowe 11

5-2 Errema, 100-30 Pacific Gull, 9-2 Hogan's Run, 13-2 Attila The Honey, 7-1 Implore, 9-2 others.

8.35 WELTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 2m) (10)

1	0-00	CAMPSIE SPRING 47 F H Lee 9-0	S Perks 6
2		GOLD TINT G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey 5
5	0233	MULTIHANDS 9 J Wharton 9-0	P Walsh (7) 8
6	0403	ONE FOR THE POT 16 W Pearce 9-0	K Hodgson 9
7	3330	POTEEN PADDY 9 (B) S Norton 9-0	J Lowe 1
8	0-00	RUNTON 39 R Hollinshead 9-0	A Culhane (5) 7
9	00-3	SHINING ART 18 D McCain 9-0	S Webster 10
13	0000	THE OVERNIGHT MAN 22 B McMahon 9-0	M Lynch (5) 2
14	00-0	AUNTIE NICK 44 C Brittain 8-11	M Birch 4
15	04	WINTER NIGHTFALL 18 S Norton 8-11	J Murray (7) 3

13-8 Gold Tint, 3-1 Shining Art, 11-2 Multihands, 15-2 One For The Pot, 8-1 Winter Nightfall, 10-1 others.

9.5 BEVERLEY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,803: 1m 4f) (9)

2	0411	WHAT A HENRY 13 (D,F,G) M H Easterby 9-11 (5ex)	M Birch 5
7	0-30	GOOD MOOD 16 J Watts 9-7	N Connorton 8
11	400	AL ASOOF 28 C Brittain 9-2	R Cochrane 6
12	0-44	LADY VERDI 21 (V) S Norton 9-2	J Lowe 1
16	0030	CALTON COLLEEN 11 (B) E Alston 9-0	A Proud 2
19	-320	LIFE'S A LARK 21 T Barron 8-12	D Nicholls 7
21	0-00	BROOKTINO 29 J Wharton 8-10	P Walsh (7) 3
25	0000	ILKOMO 16 (G,S) R Hollinshead 8-2	A Culhane (5) 4
26	00-0	GENERAL GREGORY 7 R Earnshaw 7-12	Dana Mellor (5) 9

9-4 Al Asoof, 11-4 What A Henry, 9-2 Life's A Lark, 6-1 Brooktino, 7-1 Lady Verdi, 9-1 Good Mood, 12-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: B Hills, 4 winners from 22 runners, 18.2%; R Boss, 4 from 22, 18.2%; C Brittain, 8 from 45, 17.8%; G Harwood, 4 from 25, 16.0%; Ronald Thompson, 7 from 47, 14.9%; C Thornton, 5 from 40, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: S Whitworth, 3 winners from 14 rides, 21.4%; R Cochrane, 14 from 71, 19.7%; R Morse, 3 from 19, 15.8%; K Bradshaw, 4 from 30, 13.3%; M Birch, 24 from 192, 12.5%; R P Elliott, 6 from 54, 11.1%.

Goodwood results

Going: good to firm

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, MERLIN'S MAGIC (Debbie Albion, 14-1); 2, Exhaust Man (Mr D Bennyworth, 11-2); 3, Fandango Light (Sara Lawrence, 11-2); 4, Holliston (Elaine Bronson, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Fire Bay, 15-2 Vison Gris, Woodlands Crown, 11 Just Too Brave, 14 Aylesfield (6th), Toscana, 20 Mo Ceri (5th), 25 Ketti, 33 Crocsox, Don't Loiter, Anhaar, Ballantrae, Tara's Chieftain. 17 ran. nk, sh hd, 2½l, 2l, 1l. C Horgan at Billingbear. Tote: £15.80; £2.40, £1.70, £1.70, £4.10. DF: £52.60. CSF: £86.41. Tricast: £440.29. 2min 40.00sec.

3.0 (1m 2f) 1, STRAWBERRY SONG (R Cochrane, 9-4 fav); 2, Risky Lady (N Adams, 33-1); 3, Alghalih (R Hills, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Hedda Garbler, Indubitable (5th), 8 Darnella, Ranyah (6th). 9 Tino-Ella, 12 Shiny Penny (4th), Satin Cat, 20 Birchgrey Lady. 11 ran. NR: Tawnais. nk, 6l, nk, ¾l, 1½l. Mrs L Piggott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80: £1.10, £5.60, £2.00. DF: £71.20. CSF: £62.87. Tricast: £408.57. 2min 10.10sec.

3.30 (5f) 1, FOUR-LEGGED FRIEND (W Newnes, 9-4 fav); 2, Shy Sierra (M Hills, 7-1); 3, Langtry Lady (G Bardwell, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Bar Le Duc (4th), 12 Land Of Plenty, Quinto (6th), Rugaday, 20 Beteth (5th), Pentagon Rose, 33 Thompuss. 10 ran. NR: El Soberano, Lombard Lad. 2l, 2½l, 2l, ¾l, 3l. Dr J Scargill at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £7.40. CSF: £18.10. 59.84sec.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1, MAWZOON (J Reid, 4-1); 2, Western Frontier (M Hills, 9-4 fav); 3, Mr Minstrel (W Ryan, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Jib, 10 Governor's Harbour (4th), 12 Howjal, John's Joy (5th), Learning Fast, 14 Height Of Folly, 16 Caoran Mona, 20 Order Of Merit, 25 Sweet And Sure, 33 Bracoy, Class Struggle, Coltown Boy, Lord Vanity, Mango Mania (6th), Animal Actor, Flying Buttress, Quillotern, Sagaro Gem, Seal Cove. 22 ran. 5l, 2½l, ¾l, 1½l, 10l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £3.00; £1.90, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £3.30. CSF: £14.70. 2min 07.51sec.

4.30 (1m) 1, CARO'S NIECE (R Cochrane, 11-4 fav); 2, Spoilt Again (Paul Eddery, 14-1); 3, Aghsan (R Hills, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Amenaide (5th), 9-2 Eclipse Bid, 7 Buzugh, 9 Rimsh (4th), 50 Sketching (6th). 8 ran. 2l, 2l, ½l, 3l, 12l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £2.40, £1.50. DF: £23.20. CSF: £33.88. 1min 40.11sec.

5.0 (5f) 1, EECEE TEE (A O'Reilly, 8-1); 2, Grand Prix (R Hills, 8-1); 3, Lingwoo (P Lynch, 10-1); 4, Chain Shot (A Whitehall, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Tachyon Park, 6 Cee-En-Cee, 13-2 High Velocity, 14 Barnby Don, Ferryman (6th), Jabe Mac, 20 Our Freddie, Philipponnat Brut, 25 Kelly's Royale (5th), 33 Ne Touche Pas, Bishthorn, Its Been Rumoured, Native Ruler, Sharad. 18 ran. NR: Samleon. 2l, 1½l, hd, hd, ¾l. J Sutcliffe at Epsom. Tote: £12.70; £3.30, £1.50, £3.70, £1.90. DF: £101.90. CSF: £71.49. Tricast: £604.33. 58.62sec.

5.30 (6f) 1, HEART OF ARABIA (R Cochrane, 8-1); 2, Headstrong (M Roberts, 7-1); 3, Sylvan Mistral (S Whitworth, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Shallow Waters (5th), 5 Super Morning, 11-2 Trust Troy (4th), 14 Mummy's Hat, 20 Super Zoom (6th). 8 ran. NR: Ceciliano. ¾l, 2l, 4l, 2l, 3l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £7.30; £2.10, £2.60, £2.30. DF: £23.00. CSF: £57.29. 1min 12.71sec.

Placepot: £25.50.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £5,085.40 carried forward to Newbury today.

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Yarmouth

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f 25yd) 1, Dubrovnik (W R Swinburn, 8-13 fav); 2 Super Bid (5-1); 3, Fulham Trader (33-1). 8 ran. ½l, hd. M Stoute. Tote: £1.50; £1.40, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £3.80. CSF:£4.02.

2.45 (1m) 1, Taranga (T Ives, 11-2); 2, Crown Justice (7-2 fav); 3, Hoptons Chance (12-1); 4, Fleur De Thistle (33-1). 19 ran. NR: Repealed. 1½l, 2l. K Ivory. Tote: £6.00: £1.40, £1.30, £1.70, £3.60. DF: £5.20. CSF: £21.33. Tricast: £195.95. Bought in 1,000gns.

3.15 (1m 2f) 1, Samhaan (B Raymond, 9-2); 2, Old Eros (4-1 fav); 3, Bay Window (15-1). 13 ran. 5l, 2l. B Hanbury. Tote: £4.90; £1.80, £1.10, £4.80. DF: £5.30. CSF: £21.93. Tricast: £234.97.

3.45 (6f) 1, Lage (W R Swinburn, 10-1); 2, Good Partners (5-2 jt-fav); 3, Jacamar (5-2 jt-fav). 19 ran. ½l, 4l. W Hastings-Bass. Tote: £15.80; £4.90, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £26.70. CSF: £35.69. Specialised Boy (14-1) withdrawn not under orders, rule four applies to all bets deduction 5p in the pound.

4.15 (1m 6f) 1, Tilelos (S Cauthen, 8-11 fav); 2, Merchant's Dream (10-1); 3, Brave Crusader (11-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £12.00. CSF: £8.89.

4.45 (5f 25yd) 1, Commander Meeden (P Burke, 3-1 fav); 2, Nasdarovye (10-1); 3, Absolution (12-1). 11 ran. NR: Better Buy Baileys. hd, 2l. R Stubbs. Tote: £2.90; £2.10, £2.50, £3.00. DF: £20.90. CSF:£31.75. Tricast:£296.52.

Placepot: £6.70.

● Caerwent, runner-up in the Irish 2,000 Guineas last month, faces six opponents, including the Nick Vigors-trained Sharblask, in the Ir£30,000 Kilfrush/Concorde Stakes at Phoenix Park this evening.

Monday's late results

Goodwood

Going: good to firm

7.25 (6f) 1, Young Inca (I Johnson, 5-1); 2, Numismatist (11-2); 3, Derwent Valley (4-1). Stormy Praise 3-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: One Liner. ½, 2l. L Cottrell. Tote: £6.80; £1.80, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £11.90. CSF: £28.73. Tricast: £103.36. Stormy Praise finished second but after a stewards' inquiry was placed fourth.

7.55 (2m 3f) 1, Harlestone Lake (W Carson, 6-1); 2, Roubayd (11-2); 3, Tugboat (50-1). Everaldo 9-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Janiski. 1½, nk. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.80; £2.00, £3.60. DF: £14.50. CSF: £34.73. Tricast: £1,342.51.

8.25 (1m) 1, Park Street (Pat Eddery, 7-2 fav); 2, Alipura (8-1); 3, Nebula Way (5-2). 12 ran. NR: Lady Lustre, Geoffrey's Choice. ¾l, sh hd. P Walwyn. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £5.80, £1.80. DF: £55.80. CSF: £34.37. Tricast: £127.44.

8.55 (6f) 1, Zalazl (S Cauthen, 8-15 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Trioso (5-2); 3, Grandiflora (14-1). 5 ran. NR: Pellgroso. Nk, 4l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.24.

Placepot: £82.30

Edinburgh

Going: firm

7.45 (1m) 1, Grey Rum (K Hodgson, 11-2); 2, Wonderful William (11-8 fav); 3, Big Aitch (7-2). 7 ran. 1l, nk. W Pearce. Tote: £6.40; £2.50, £1.60. DF: £6.00. CSF: £12.94.

8.15 (7f) 1, Jane's Brave Boy (S Wood, 12-1); 2, Tit Willow (33-1); 3, Sharlie's Wimpy (7-1). Acapulco 9-4 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, 1½l. D Chapman. Tote: £19.70; £5.60, £7.00, £3.20. DF: £125.10. CSF: £289.91. Tricast: £2,686.99.

8.45 (1m) 1, Balmain Bridge (G Duffield, 7-4); 2, Sandhurst Park (13-8 fav); 3, My Ratbag (7-1). 8 ran. 3l, 1l. M Prescott. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £1.10, £2.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.66.

9.15 (1m 4f) 1, Malipiero (G Duffield, 11-2); 2, Ballydurrow (11-4 fav); 3, Ivoroski (8-1). 9 ran. 4l, 3l. J S Wilson. Tote: £9.10; £2.50, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £9.10. CSF: £20.46. Tricast: £111.31.

Placepot: £256.20

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CRICKET: AN INJURY TO THEIR CAPTAIN CLOUDS DERBYSHIRE'S ELATION AT A MEMORABLE WIN OVER SUSSEX IN A DESPERATE FINISH

Sharma seizes victory with the last ball

By John Woodcock

HORSHAM: Derbyshire (22pts) beat Sussex (7) by one wicket

Derbyshire won an excellent and exciting victory over Sussex yesterday, but at some cost. Their captain, Barnett, was under treatment for quite a badly damaged knee as Sharma hit the winning runs off the last ball of the match.

It was a splendid game, with Sussex deprived of the extra points but of none of the credit. Derbyshire had been left with 178 to win in what turned out to be 53 overs, and at 140 for four, with 10 overs left and Morris and Goldsmith going well, they looked to be winning comfortably.

But Sussex kept at it. Goldsmith and Morris were out in successive overs; then, off successive balls, Barnett, who had twisted his right knee while batting, and Warner were both caught at the wicket. With nine needed from two overs Parker, who had handled the operation quite admirably, gave the ball to his young leg spinner, Clarke, who responded by bowling Mortensen.

One over left; one wicket standing; four runs wanted; Pigott the bowler, and the batsmen, both tall and dark, indistinguishable under their helmets. Come the last ball and Derbyshire were too short. Sharma got them, Green at slip getting a hand to a flashing, fleeting chance.

If Barnett can not play at Swansea today, and he was in a bad way last night, at least Derbyshire have a young batsman in form to set against Glamorgan's Maynard; Morris's 71 had had most to do with yesterday's victory.

At 95 for seven in their second innings, leading by only 117, Sussex had been too short of runs to make a match of it. A rousing spell of bowling by Mortensen and some agile catching behind the wicket by Maher had had most to do with this. The equation was then changed by Pigott, first with care and after lunch with some crude but effective carving, and by Lenham, who made a useful and well-coached 21.

Pigott's 46 not out, together with his seven wickets and three very missable slip catches added up to a good match. There being only six county caps on the regular Sussex staff all contributions are gratefully received

Starting slowly and unsurely, Derbyshire were 27 for two after 16 overs. Although for two days wickets had been falling regularly, the stumps were not being hit and the edges still had to be found. It was always going to be a tussle, with both sides having the overs to win and Parker knowing that his best chance was to keep the game open. He had Clarke on early in the piece.

If you have heard of Eric Hollies it will probably be for the googly with which he bowled Bradman for nought in his last Test innings. In style, appearance and colouring Clarke is remarkably like him — which is not to say that he has a googly to match. The pitch was too slow for Clarke yesterday, but it was off the medium-pacers that Derbyshire drew away and went on to win.

SUSSEX: First Innings 272 (N J Lenham, R I Alikhan 56; D E Malcolm 5 for 52).

Second Innings

R I Alikhan b Malcolm	1
A M Green run out	1
*P W G Parker c Roberts b Mortensen	48
A P Wells c Roberts b Mortensen	2
C M Wells c Goldsmith b Warner	7
N J Lenham c Maher b Malcolm	21
†I J Gould c Maher b Mortensen	10
S J S Kimber c Maher b Mortensen	5
A C S Pigott not out	45
A R Clarke c Maher b Warner	3
A M Babington b Warner	1
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 3, nb 2)	11
Total	155

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-11, 3-35, 4-61, 5-77, 6-89, 7-95, 8-126, 9-147.

BOWLING: Malcolm 14-6-19-2; Warner 19.2-4-52-3; Mortensen 20-4-57-4; Sharma 5-1-15-0; Roberts 9-6-6-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 250 (K J Barnett 67; A C S Pigott 4 for 60).

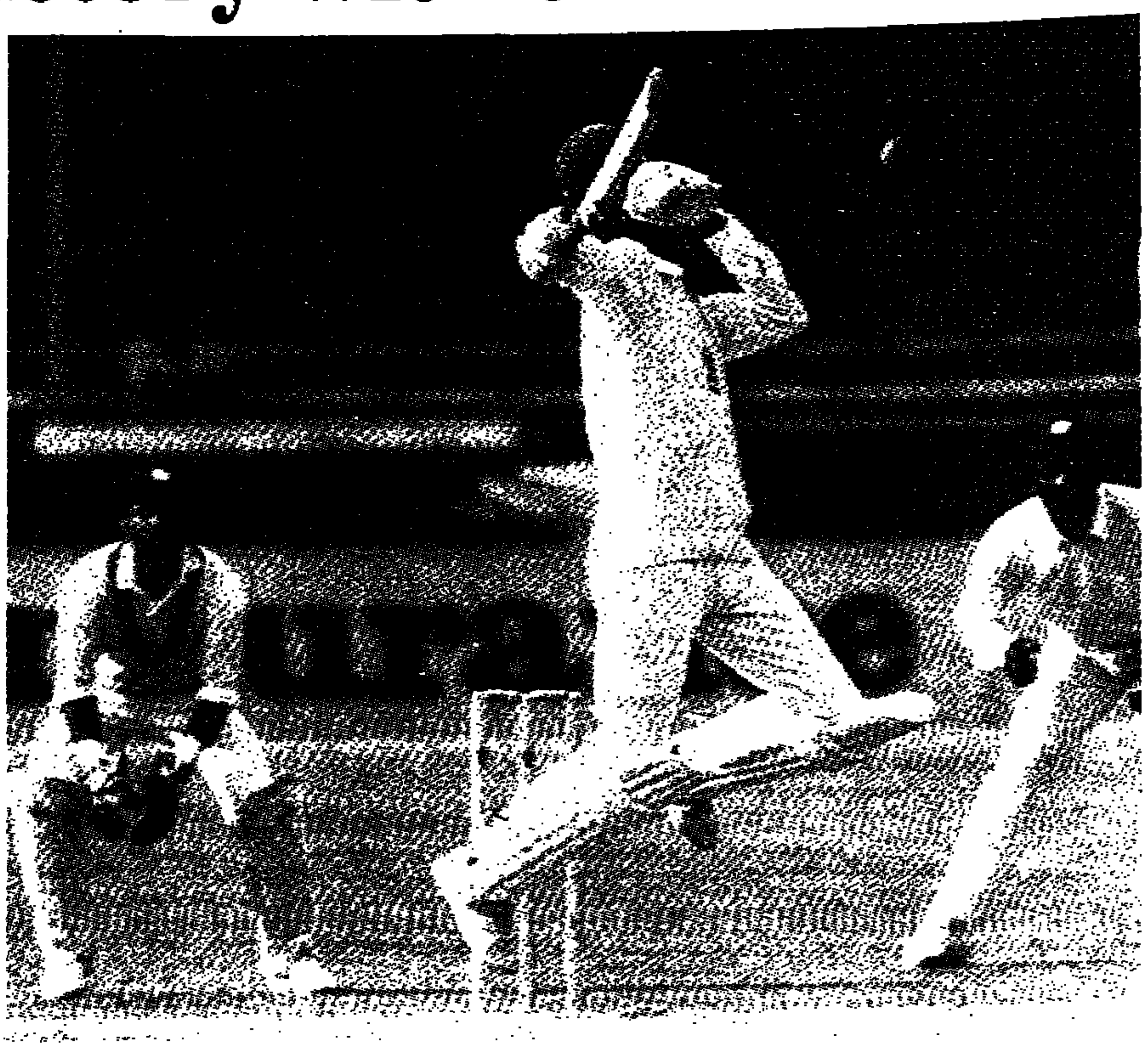
Second Innings

P D Bowler c Green b C M Wells	29
J G Wright c Parker b C M Wells	0
B Roberts c Pigott b Kimber	1
J E Morris c Pigott b Kimber	71
S C Goldsmith c Gould b Babington	9
†B J M Maher lbw b Pigott	28
*K J Barnett c Gould b Pigott	12
R Sharma not out	16
A E Warner c Gould b Pigott	0
O H Mortensen b Clarke	2
D E Malcolm not out	5
Extras (lb 2, nb 3)	5
Total (9 wkts)	178

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-12, 3-75, 4-92, 5-142, 6-146, 7-162, 8-162, 9-170.

BOWLING: C M Wells 14-3-47-2; Pigott 14-3-54-3; Kimber 8-0-26-2; Clarke 8.3-2-22-1; Babington 8.3-1-27-1.

Umpires: A A Jones and D R Shepherd.



Twist and clout: Gower, who scored an unbeaten 88, is hit on the helmet by Ambrose during the drawn Trent Bridge Test

Absentees sorely missed as Middlesex fall to Newport

By Ivo Tennant

LORD'S: Worcestershire (19pts) beat Middlesex (3) by 209 runs

Depleted by Test calls and short of specialist batsmen, Middlesex were beaten yesterday with an ease that must have surprised even their opponents. Worcestershire, or rather Philip Newport, who took eight for 52, bowled them out well before tea and leapfrogged to the top of the county championship table.

Each side forfeited an innings, which meant that Middlesex needed 334 to win on a pitch which Curtis had batted on for almost a day without undue alarm. They got off to a bad start and, as at Derby in their Benson and Hedges quarter-final, there was little hope of recovery. They had only four genuine batsmen and one of those, Roseberry, was wretchedly out of form.

This was the third occasion this season on which Newport had taken six or more wickets in an innings. With all the publicity that Botham and Hick have received, his efforts have perhaps not been fully appreciated. Still, no one who takes eight wickets in an innings at Lord's can fail to make a name for himself. He is another to have benefited from having had a winter in South Africa, in his case with Boland. These were the best figures of his career.

He obtained movement with the new ball and swiftly reduced Middlesex to four for 3. Carr and Roseberry were caught in the slips and Butcher, his county's fourth-choice captain (the first three were playing for England), ambitiously attempted to hook the first ball he received. It was not short enough to form a stroke and Rhodes, running back, judged his catch well.

Brown and Sykes, who have been opening the second XI batting, stayed together until the last over before lunch, when the former was caught behind aiming to sweep Illingworth. Upon resumption, Williams was beaten by a straight ball.

Sykes, who had survived for 115 minutes, was then caught at the wicket and Hughes and Fraser were out in the same over. By mid-afternoon, Worcestershire had a nine-point lead over Middlesex at the top of the championship table.

WORCESTER: First Innings 333-8 dec (T S Curtis 108, G A Hick 78; BOWLING: Cowans 21-3-66-1; Williams 24-3-65-1; Fraser 31-11-56-3; Hughes 29-5-92-2; Sykes 5-0-26-0).

Second Innings forfeited.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings forfeited.

Second Innings

J D Carr c Hick b Newport	0
K R Brown c Rhodes b Illingworth	31
M A Roseberry c D'Oliveira b Newport	1
*R O Butcher c Rhodes b Newport	0
A Needham c Rhodes b Newport	6
J F Sykes c Rhodes b Newport	32
N F Williams b Williams	5
S P Hughes c Weston b Newport	20
†M W C Olley b Radford	16
A R C Fraser b Newport	0
N G Cowans not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 1, nb 1)	111
Total	124

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-4, 3-4, 4-15, 5-65, 6-74, 7-85, 8-112, 9-112.

BOWLING: Radford 19-5-37-1; Newport 22-6-52-8; McEwan 5-1-13-0; Weston 3-1-4-0; Illingworth 6-2-9-1.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and N T Plews.

Yorkshire steered to safety

By Richard Streeton

HARROGATE: Yorkshire (1pt) drew with Surrey (8)

Yorkshire finally found the purposefulness that has been absent from their recent batting yesterday and saved this match without difficulty. Jim Love and Ashley Metcalfe both passed the best score by a Yorkshireman this year and the county finished with their highest total in the six championship matches they have played.

After Surrey had declared at their overnight total, their bowlers were unable to infiltrate on a pitch which remained more benign than expected. When Metcalfe was fourth out, Yorkshire were 48 ahead, with only 27 overs left, and a draw was inevitable.

The match ended, rather unusually, two balls early. Clinton was given the last over and Love hit him for 16, the ball twice being lost when Love hit sixes. After Clinton's fourth delivery was hit over square-leg for six, the captains agreed there was no point in sending for yet another ball. A disappointed Love was left 93 not out after three hours invaluable effort.

There was a brief period near lunch when the Surrey spin bowlers, Medlycott and Mays, obtained some turn and hinted they could cause problems but the moment passed. Moxon dominated a first-wicket stand before he was leg-before to Greig and Blakey, too, batted well until he was caught behind making room to cut.

Yorkshire were 143 for three when Sharp fell to an acrobatic catch by Clinton at cover. Love has had a lean time all season but looked assured from the start. He was fortunate, though, at 22 when a ball from Feltham clipped his off stump without dislodging a bail. Metcalfe and Love added 105 in 37 overs together and effectively made sure that Yorkshire would not lose.

Metcalfe batted soundly for just over four hours. The previous best score by a Yorkshireman this year was 79 and Metcalfe had left this behind before he moved out against Greig and was stumped on the leg side.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 142 (P E Robinson 58; K T Medlycott 4 for 19).

Second Innings

M A Moxon lbw b Greig	44
A A Metcalfe st Richards b Greig	87
†R J Blakey c Richards b Feltham	27
K Sharp c Clinton b Feltham	5
J D Love not out	93
P E Robinson run out	10
I G Swallow c and b Medlycott	2
*P Carrick not out	6
Extras (b 15, lb 5, w 2, nb 14)	36
Total (6 wkts dec)	310

A Sidebottom, C Shaw and S D Fletcher did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-131, 3-143, 4-248, 5-276, 6-281.

BOWLING: Bicknell 6-1-12-0; Feltham 26-7-56-2; Medlycott 29-8-83-1; Greig 16-3-47-2; Mays 12-1-59-0; Lynch 6-2-14-0; Ward 1-0-3-0; Clinton 0.4-0-16-0.

SURREY: First innings 342-4 dec (G S Clinton 101, C J Richards 60 not out, K T Medlycott 54 not out; BOWLING: Sidebottom 6.3-2-19-0; Shaw 21-2-84-1; Swallow 25-6-91-1; Fletcher 24.3-5-52-2; Carrick 24-2-89-0).

Umpires: D O Oslear and K J Lyons.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Worcs (9)	7	4	1	2	17	22	103
Middlesex (16)	6	4	1	1	13	17	94
Northants (7)	7	3	1	3	14	23	85
Kent (14)	6	3	3	0	14	17	79
Warwicks (15)	5	3	1	1	11	18	77
Somerset (11)	7	2	3	2	16	22	70
Surrey (4)	6	2	2	2	12	22	66
Leics (3)	6	2	1	3	13	19	64
Lancashire (2)	6	2	2	2	11	17	60
Essex (12)	5	2	2	1	14	13	59
Derbyshire (6)	6	2	0	4	13	13	58
Notts (1)	8	1	6	1	11	30	57
Gloucs (10)	5	2	1	2	10	12	54
Sussex (17)	6	1	3	2	11	21	48
Hampshire (5)	6	1	2	3	6	21	43
Yorkshire (8)	6	0	3	3	7	18	25
Glamorgan (13)	6	0	2	4	11	12	23

1987 positions in brackets

Lancing maintain impressive form

Schools cricket by George Chesterton

Lancing, carrying on where they left off before the half-term break, put together the very useful total of 208 for three against **Ardingly**, the largest contributions coming from Alcock, who made 53, and Rimmer, unbeaten with 84.

A break for rain put Ardingly behind the clock and livened up the pitch, Spink taking four for 61 as the visiting side were dismissed for 121. Just before half-term Lancing had defeated **Eastbourne** in the final of the *Langdale Cup, a reversal of last* year's result.

Gosden, the Lancing captain, had a particularly good day in the final, taking five for 30 in Eastbourne's innings of 134 and making 71 not out as his side stormed home by seven wickets.

Eastbourne batted first on a wet pitch when they entertained **Brighton**, for whom Sweet took four for 32 and Long, bowling orthodox left-arm, had four for 44, as the home team were restricted to 98. Brighton found conditions equally difficult and despite stern resistance from Oliphant-Callun, Giddins, bowling at a lively pace, returned eight for 32, winning the match for Eastbourne by 12 runs.

Harrow declared at 205 for three against **Wellington**, Keey making a chanceless 114 not out, his third century of the season. Rain put any reasonable chance of Wellington making the runs out of the question, although there was a flurry of interest when they lost three wickets in the last two overs before finishing at 117 for seven.

A similar result was experienced in the game at **Charterhouse** when **Winchester** were the visitors. The home team declared at 231 for five, MacMillan who opened the innings, making an excellent 110 not out. About an hour was lost through *rain and although the* Wykehamists were in difficulties, particularly against the speed of Oakley, who took four for 20, they survived at 80 for six.

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

	M	I	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave
G A Gooch	5	9	0	902	275	3	3	100.2
G A Hick	9	14	1	1105	405*	3	3	85.00
P D Bowler	7	12	2	726	159*	2	3	72.60
C J Richards	7	8	3	358	102*	1	3	71.60
P W G Parker	5	9	3	429	101*	1	3	71.50
A R Border	5	9	3	424	169*	2	1	70.66
C W J Athey	3	5	1	278	123	1	1	69.50
M A Atherton	6	9	2	464	151*	2	1	66.28
M A Lynch	6	7	1	381	103*	1	2	63.50
R F Pienaar	4	6	0	372	144	2	1	62.00
M D Crowe	5	9	1	487	136*	2	2	60.87
S R Waugh	4	6	1	273	115*	1	1	54.60
J J Whitaker	6	9	1	426	145	2	2	53.25
Asif Din	6	11	2	465	158*	2	1	51.66
A W Stovold	4	7	0	354	136	1	2	50.57
G C Holmes	6	8	0	403	117	2	1	50.37
M W Gatting	5	9	0	429	210	1	2	47.66
A J Lamb	5	9	2	333	101*	1	2	47.57
J D Carr	7	12	1	499	144	2	2	45.36
T S Curtis	9	15	1	631	108	1	4	45.07

Qualification: 250 runs, ave 45.07

* denotes not out

Compiled by Richard Lockwood

Bowling

	Over	Md	Runs	Wk	BB	5i	Ave
G C Small	151.2	54	292	25	7-15	4	11.68
N F Williams	123.3	23	332	24	6-42	2	13.83
P J Newport	171.0	33	588	39	8-52	3	15.07
P W Jarvis	168.2	40	424	27	6-40	2	15.70
I A Greig	178.3	34	485	30	6-34	2	16.16
N G Cowans	177.1	48	402	24	4-20	-	16.75
S T Clarke	157.3	52	364	21	3-11	-	17.33
T M Alderman	173.0	49	402	23	5-75	1	17.47
A R C Fraser	190.0	64	352	20	6-75	1	17.60
D E Malcolm	168.4	42	459	25	5-52	1	18.36
A Walker	175.1	47	459	25	4-50	-	18.36
P W J Allott	194.5	64	374	20	5-65	1	18.70
K E Cooper	347.0	100	866	45	5-41	5	19.24
A C S Pigott	149.5	38	470	24	5-46	1	19.58
N V Radford	137.1	22	431	22	5-55	1	19.59
J P Agnew	237.0	58	647	33	6-37	4	19.60
W W Davis	198.2	35	631	32	6-141	3	19.71
F D Stephenson	293.0	74	820	40	6-44	2	20.50
A E Warner	194.4	56	441	20	4-22	-	22.05
R M Ellison	191.0	63	445	20	7-75	1	22.25

Qualification: 20 wickets, ave 22.25

A captain yearning for Lord's

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

Hard though they may try, Hampshire's players would be inhuman if the memory of an emotional defeat back in 1985 did not filter through their minds today. Oddly enough, it may even do them some good as they make yet another attempt to disown the most unwanted label in cricket.

The fact that they alone, of all the 17 counties, have yet to play in either Lord's cup final is now a cliché of the game, greeted by grating teeth in the Hampshire dressing-room. "We are heartily sick of hearing it," the captain, Mark Nicholas, says.

For the past three years, however, they have been carrying the burden under suffering, since their sixth cup semi-final went the way of all the others in the cruellest manner imaginable. The scores finished level but Hampshire were put out through losing more wickets.

To make matters worse, the match was won by an undefeated innings of 93 from a man shown by television replays to have been run out 40 runs earlier. His name is Graham Gooch, the winners were Essex — *and they again provide the* daunting last obstacle to Hampshire at Chelmsford today.

Nicholas was speechless with despair after that game, which came in his first season as captain. A wiser and better leader now, he remains unfulfilled until he can grant the Hampshire public what they yearn for. "I think our supporters would rather get to a cup final than win the championship," he says.

Nicholas: grating teeth

If the evidence to support them at first seems flimsy, it is worth knowing that, of the nine occasions on which Essex and Hampshire have met in the last four years, Essex have won only once — the controversial cup-tie.

Nevertheless, Essex have seen it all before and are rightly favourites today. Foster is back in the side and Gooch is in fabulous form. The head says they will win but a great deal of soft hearts all round the country will be hoping to see them beaten. Hampshire aim to field the side which overcame Worcestershire in the quarter-finals, but James stands by in case Cowley fails to recover from a thumb injury.

The other tie at Swansea, where a crowd of up to 10,000 is expected, also lacks nothing in romance. Neither Glamorgan nor Derbyshire were on many cup final shortlists — bookmakers quoted them at 50-1 and 25-1 when the competition began — but they have developed into combative one-day teams.

Maynard is Glamorgan's likeliest match-winner, though in Holmes, Ontong and Shastri they have three considerable all-rounders. Derbyshire's seamers will not receive the help they had from their own pitch when crushing Middlesex but their attack is the better of the two and Barnett, consistently underrated, heads a batting order with no great tail.

ESSEX (from): G A Gooch, B R Hardie, P J Prichard, A R Border, D R Pringle, K W R Fletcher (captain), G Miller, D E East, A W Lilley, N A Foster, J K Lever, T D Topley.

HAMPSHIRE (from): V P Terry, C L Smith, M C J Nicholas (capt), R A Smith, D R Turner, J R Ayling, R J Parks, S T Jefferies, N G Cowley, C A Connor, S J W Andrew, K D James.

Nicholas lets slip the chance to stop Watkinson's charge

By Jack Bailey

LIVERPOOL: Lancashire (21pts) beat Hampshire (4) by four wickets

A thrilling finish at Aigburth saw Lancashire gain victory by four wickets with only three overs remaining. They had been set 256 to win from 57 overs, Nicholas's declaration having been scrupulously fair on this docile pitch. The match was in the balance until Allott joined Watkinson with nine overs left and 46 still needed, but with scarcely a false stroke, the two of them brought Lancashire home.

There was Jesty, who gave the innings impetus, there was *Hayhurst, and there was Allott,* but chief among Lancashire's heroes was Watkinson, whose 73 not out was a commanding innings, full of brave strokes after a hesitant beginning. Crucial to his, and Lancashire's, fortunes was a swirling chance, taken momentarily and brilliantly by Nicholas as it came over his right shoulder, but slipping from his grasp as he made to throw the ball up before the catch was completed. Watkinson, on 52, breathed again and Lancashire's day was made.

This match always had the stamp of a second innings dash for glory. But it was only the stubborn, fighting qualities of Chris Smith that saw Hampshire through the critical period which lay between fighting for their lives and being poised for a declaration. When Smith's brother, Robin, was leg-before to Simmons's first ball, Hampshire were 63 for four and 41 overs into their innings. They were also in a spot of bother.

Yet Smith gradually increased the tempo, laying into Folley with special relish, and eventually causing Lancashire to surrender any hope of achieving a win by orthodox means. Fairbrother and Mendis in harness bowled for the declaration and Smith took full toll, but the first 70 runs of his innings had been as valuable as any he has made — he fully deserved his century and the three sixes and 14 fours with which it was laced.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 320-6 dec (J R Ayling 88 not out, V P Terry 74).

Second Innings

V P Terry lbw b Allott	0
C L Smith not out	124
*M C J Nicholas b Folley	10
R J Maru lbw b Folley	0
R A Smith lbw b Simmons	18
D R Turner b Folley	13
S T Jefferies not out	19
Extras (b 1, w 1)	2
Total (5 wkts dec)	186

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-10, 3-10, 4-63, 5-102.

BOWLING: Allott 8-4-12-1; Watkinson 8-5-7-0; Folley 13-8-56-3; Simmons 9-5-11-1; Wasim 4-0-16-0; Mendis 8-0-35-0; Fairbrother 7.3-0-48-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 251-5 dec (A N Hayhurst 80, N H Fairbrother 69).

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Parks b Connor	17
A N Hayhurst b Maru	33
T E Jesty lbw b Maru	60
N H Fairbrother c Connor b Jefferies	13
M Watkinson not out	73
*D P Hughes c Terry b Maru	17
Wasim Akram b Connor	7
P J W Allott not out	29
Extras (b 1, lb 2, w 1, nb 4)	10
Total (6 wkts)	259

†W K Hegg, I Folley, and J Simmons did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-86, 3-106, 4-126, 5-169, 6-209.

BOWLING: Andrew 4-1-16-0; Connor 11.4-0-60-2; Maru 21-3-106-3; Jefferies 11-0-54-1; C L Smith 7-0-20-0.

Umpires: J H Harris and K E Palmer.

No respite for champions

By Geoffrey Wheeler

How far away those heady days of last September, when the championship and Natwest Trophy were so splendidly won, must seem now to **Nottinghamshire** players and supporters. Defeat by 161 runs, after being bowled out for 44 in 87 minutes and 22.2 overs by **Warwickshire** at Edgbaston yesterday, was their sixth in eight matches.

For the second successive game they posted the lowest score of the season, having been dismissed for 65 by Kent at Dartford earlier this month.

Set 206 to win in 49 overs they were routed by Small, who although unfit for the Trent Bridge Test removed any doubts about his well-being for Lord's with a return of seven for 15, the best of his career — which moved him smartly to the top of the averages. Only twice did he need assistance from his fieldsmen, so accurately and demandingly did he bowl on a pitch where the ball kept low.

Nottinghamshire, already without the injured French and Stephenson, batted 10 men, for the captain, Robinson, has a fractured hand after being hit by a ball from Paul Smith, and will not play again for three weeks. One player to emerge with credit was the opener, Mike Newell, whose score of 10 not out was one of the lowest made by a player batting throughout a completed innings.

The legendary R. G. Barlow's five out of 69 for Lancashire against Nottinghamshire in 1882 remains the "record" but notable examples in the championship this century include P. Hearn's 12 out of 32, for Kent against Hampshire in 1952; G. W. Beldam's 12 out of 51, for Middlesex against Sussex in 1902; T. R. Morgan's 13 out of 42 and 14 out of 47 for Glamorgan in 1922 matches against Lancashire and Nottinghamshire respectively and W. W. Adams's 14 out of 40, for Northamptonshire against Yorkshire in 1920.

In India, in the match between Assam and Bengal in the 1974-75 season, N. Bezbarua contributed 8 out of 33.

Larkins, captaining **Northamptonshire** while Geoff Cook's broken jaw mends, made a timely return to his best form as **Somerset** were beaten by seven wickets at Taunton, Northamptonshire's third win of the season carrying them to third place in the table.

Having been 15 for three in pursuit of 134 they still needed 75 at the start of play yesterday but Larkins, who hit 13 fours in an unbeaten 81 from 87 balls knocked off the runs in partnership with Williams in a mere 54 minutes.

Kent's record of obtaining a definite result in every match so far this season was maintained as they successfully chased 270 to beat **Glamorgan** at Cardiff, winning with four wickets and 14 balls to spare, despite having to regroup after being 29 for three. Tavaré, after a typically cautious start, hit them to victory with some uninhibited strokeplay, finishing 129 not out, with a six and 15 fours, after partnerships of 85 with Pienaar and 110 with Chris Cowdrey. Glamorgan, who paid heavily for missing Tavaré at 69, remain bottom of the table.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Warwicks v Notts

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (22pts) beat Nottinghamshire (5) by 161 runs

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 300-9 dec (A C Storie 68, G W Humpage 58; C L Cairns 4 for 89).

Second Innings

A J Moles c Pollard b Cooper	27
*T A Lloyd c Hemmings b Cooper	29
Asif Din c Birch b Cooper	14
A C Storie not out	9
†G W Humpage st Scott b Hemmings	22
P A Smith not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 5)	10
Total (4 wkts dec)	111

D A Reeve, G C Small, A Merrick, T A Munton and N Gifford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-63, 3-77, 4-106.

BOWLING: Cooper 10-2-25-3; Cairns 5-1-20-0; Hemmings 10-0-45-1; Newell 1-0-11-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P Pollard lbw b Reeve	28
M Newell c Smith b Small	18
*R T Robinson retired hurt	23
P Johnson c Humpage b Small	18
D W Randall not out	69
J D Birch c Humpage b Munton	3
C L Cairns c Asif Din b Merrick	7
†C W Scott c Reeve b Gifford	22
E E Hemmings not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 3, nb 4)	1
Total (6 wkts dec, 90 overs)	206

K E Cooper and K Saxelby did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 2-69, 3-95, 4-110, 5-137, 6-203.

BOWLING: Merrick 23-6-55-1; Small 21-7-33-2; Munton 13-5-29-1; Reeve 23-6-52-1; Smith 6-2-11-0; Gifford 4-0-16-1.

Second Innings

P Pollard lbw b Small	6
M Newell not out	10
†C W Scott b Small	0
P Johnson hit wicket b Merrick	19
D W Randall b Small	1
J D Birch b Small	1
C L Cairns b Smith	0
E E Hemmings lbw b Small	1
K E Cooper c Humpage b Small	3
K Saxelby c Asif b Small	0
*R T Robinson absent hurt	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total	44

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-7, 3-32, 4-33, 5-38, 6-39, 7-40, 8-44, 9-44.

BOWLING: Small 11.2-5-15-7; Merrick 5-0-23-1; Reeve 3-0-3-0; Smith 3-1-2-1.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and A G T Whitehead.

Somerset v Northants

TAUNTON: Northamptonshire (23pts) beat Somerset (6) by seven wickets

SOMERSET: First Innings 215 (W W Davis 5 for 92).

Second Innings 178 (J G Wyatt 69; W W Davis 4 for 54).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 260 (R J Bailey 59, R G Williams 55).

Second Innings

A Fordham lbw b Jones	3
*W Larkins not out	81
R J Bailey b Jones	0
M R Gouldstone c Hardy b Jones	0
R G Williams not out	38
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 6)	12
Total (3 wkts)	134

D J Capel, D J Wild, †D Ripley, N G B Cook, W W Davis and A Walker did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-15, 3-15.

Umpires: B J Meyer and P B Wight.

Glamorgan v Kent

CARDIFF: Kent (21pts) beat Glamorgan (1) by four wickets

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 389-7 dec (R C Ontong 120 not out, J A Hopkins 61, A R Butcher 52, J Derrick 50 not out).

Second Innings

J A Hopkins c Taylor b Ellison	5
A R Butcher c Taylor b Pienaar	8
†C P Metson b Davis	48
*H Morris c Tavaré b Harman	38
M P Maynard b Davis	5
R Shastri c G R Cowdrey b Harman	5
G C Holmes c C S Cowdrey b Davis	10
R C Ontong not out	12
J G Thomas not out	10
Extras (b 3, lb 2, w 3, nb 3)	11
Total (7 wkts dec)	152

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-34, 3-96, 4-110, 5-116, 6-121, 7-136.

BOWLING: Ellison 12-1-53-1; Pienaar 10-3-19-1; C S Cowdrey 6-1-19-0; Davis 13-5-32-3; Harman 6-1-24-2.

KENT: First Innings 252-2 dec (N R Taylor 112 not out, S G Hinks 72, M R benson 54)

Second Innings

M R Benson run out	5
N R Taylor c Shastri b Barwick	6
S G Hinks c Maynard b Thomas	17
C J Tavaré not out	129
R P Pienaar c Holmes b Shastri	34
*C S Cowdrey lbw b Thomas	49
G R Cowdrey b Barwick	6
†S A Marsh not out	19
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (6 wkts)	271

R M Ellison, M D Harman and R P Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-7, 3-29, 4-114, 5-224, 6-239.

BOWLING: Thomas 14-2-43-2; Barwick 10-0-43-2; Shastri 21.4-6-89-1; Ontong 14-0-65-0; Butcher 4-0-25-0.

Umpires: J D Bond and D J Constant.

Bain Clarkson Trophy

HAREFIELD: Sussex 114 (P C R Tufnell 4 for 21, P N Weekes 4 for 26); Middlesex 115 for 3 (I J F Hutchinson 60 not out). Middlesex won by 7 wickets.

HULL: Derbyshire 178 for 9 (S N Hartley 4 for 31); Yorkshire 182 for 2 (D Byas 90 not out). Yorkshire won by 8 wickets.

WORCESTER: Worcestershire 242 for 6 (J P Wright 78, P Bent 60); Gloucestershire 174 for 9 (R D Stemp 4 for 25). Worcestershire won by 68 runs.

YNYSYGERWN: Somerset 157 for 7 (G V Palmer 64); Glamorgan 155. Somerset won by 2 runs.

No longer a saint

John Lacey, the former Tottenham Hotspur, Fulham and Crystal Palace defender, has resigned as manager of St Albans 11 months after being appointed the Vauxhall Opel League's first full-time manager.

Finnish feast

Helsinki (Reuter) — Said Aouita, the 5,000 metres world champion, will run in the World Games Grand Prix meeting in the Finnish capital on June 30, either at 1,000 or 1,500 metres.

CYCLING

Miller's tale is given new twist

By Peter Bryan

Graeme Miller already has his Seoul Olympic badge on his racing jersey. Had he not, his performance in yesterday's *eighth stage* of the Milk Race would have caused his national selectors to think again.

The Auckland rider first became newsworthy last Friday after a mountain crash in which his shorts — and much of the skin below — were ripped to shreds. The injuries were serious enough to have put lesser mortals on the sick list. But not Miller, who bounced back to win Monday's stage from Chester to Sheffield.

His amazing recovery continued yesterday when he again triumphed on the 64-mile Barnsley-to-Bradford leg to become *the first rider in this year's* race to win on two successive days.

Unlike his first victory, yesterday's was no armchair ride and Miller often found himself lacking in strength on the four big Pennine climbs, which included the three-mile ascent of Holme Moss, the summit of which was covered in a patchwork of spectators.

Eleven riders went clear on the climb. Miller was shed, although he pulled back valuable lost seconds in a hair-raising descent. It took him almost an hour of chasing to rejoin the leaders but as soon as he made contact another break of six went. More chasing again saw Miller finally get up to them, although he was seen to be making hard work of the climb.

Then, after 56 miles on the outskirts of Bradford, his distinctive black-and-white jersey was at the head of the group momentarily before he sprinted away on his own. That was the last contact he had with the field and for the next eight miles it was one man against the rest.

He was first on to the city centre finishing circuit, with Yvan Waddell, of Canada, chasing 37 seconds behind. He had to complete the circuit four times. Miller showed his class and gained on the chasers. He represented no danger, however, to theoverall leader, Ivan Ivanov, of the Soviet Union, who had started the stage with more than 13 minutes in hand over the New Zealander.

Ivanov held on to his 4min 11sec advantage over Dave Rayner, who faded in the hills and missed his hoped-for victory in his home town. Rayner, who remains leader of the under-22 section, said: "Monday's effort in towing the leaders took its toll today and I found the stage unbelievably hard."

Miller, who has won six of his 15 races this season in the United States, said: "Although I missed the important breakaway, I was close enough to it to bridge the gap. The course was tough and the hill on the circuit came as an unpleasant surprise."

RESULTS: Eighth stage (Barnsley to Bradford, 54 miles): 1, G Miller (NZ), 2hr 45min 59sec; 2, Y Waddell (Can), 2.46:54; 3, A Teteruk (USSR), 2.47.34; 4, S Krawczyk (Pol); 5, V Zdhanov (USSR); 6, M Kokkelkoren (Neth), all same time. British placings: 7, C Walker (Raleigh-Banana), 2.47:34; 12, A Timmis (Z-Peugeot-Halfords); 20, P Longbottom, all same time as Tetteruk. Team: Soviet Union, 8.22:40. 5, Raleigh-Banana, 8.22:42. Overall (after 771 miles): 1, I Ivanov (USSR), 33.33:55; 2, D Rayner (Raleigh-Banana), 4.11; 3, Bailey (US), 4.45; 4, S Sutton (PMS-Dawes), 4.49; 5, V Kozarek (Cz), 4.51; 6, A Timmis (Z-Peugeot-Halfords), 5.07. Other British placings: 10, R Downs (Percy Bilton), 6.06; 16, P Longbottom (GB), 7.17; 18, C Lillywhite (Raleigh-Banana), 7.17. Team: 1, Soviet Union, 100.53:55; 2, United States, 100.58:58; 3, Czechoslovakia, 101.01:09; 4, PMS Dawes, 101.06:29.

TODAY'S STAGE: Hull circuit, 117 miles. Start 10 a.m., finish 3 p.m.

Restart winner

Innsbruck — The Italian, Franco Vona, aged 23, escaped in the final kilometre from the nine-strong breakaway group with which he had ridden yesterday's sixteenth stage of the Tour of Italy for 78 miles from the 8,232ft high Rombo Pass (John Wilcockson writes).

The race was brought to a halt when the riders stopped in the shelter of a tunnel for 13 minutes because of the freezing conditions. They were eventually ordered to restart.

STAGE 16: Merano to Innsbruck (189 miles): 1, F Vona (It), 5hr 07min 07sec; 2, M Vitali (It) at 04sec; 3, E Galleschi (It); 4, M Giovannetti (It); 5, E Vanotti (It); 6, E Bruknik (Neth); 7, A Hampsten (US) all same time. Overall: 1, A Hampsten (US), 75hr 41min 10sec; 2, Bruknik at 42sec; 3, U Zimmermann (Switz), 3min 58 sec; 4, F Giupponi (It), 4:37; 5, F Chiocciol (It), 6:23; 6, J-F Bernarda (Fr), 8:33; 7, Giovanetti, 11:01.

BOWLS

A meeting of champions in semi-final

By David Rhys Jones

John Price, the Welsh indoor champion, will meet his namesake, Robert, the Welsh outdoor champion, in today's semi-finals of the Welsh Champion of Champions singles event at Parc Howard, Llanelli.

While John Price, of Aberavon, showed his usual patient skills and received more than his fair share of good fortune against Wyn Matthews, of Graig Merthyr, Robert Price, of Brynmawr, justified his recall to the national side with an aggressive two sets to one win over Paul Mullins, of Gilfach, Bargoed.

Steve Rees cruised to victory against his Old Landorians club colleague, Terry Sullivan, but Presteigne's Robert Weale, who was fifth in the world championship in Auckland and is regarded officially as the leading Welsh singles player, lost to Phil Robbins, of Penygraig, 7-0, 7-3.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: S Rees (Old Landorians) bt T Sullivan (Old Landorians), 7-2, 7-2; P Robbins (Penygraig) bt R Weale (Presteigne), 7-0, 7-3.

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TENNIS

Becker and Edberg reduce opponents to supporting cast

By Richard Evans

Boris Becker, the title holder, and Stefan Edberg, the top seed, who is another serious contender for the Wimbledon title, flexed their grass-court muscles in the first round of the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club against opponents whose names might have been dreamed up in Hollywood.

Becker defeated Charlton Eagle 6-1, 6-3 and Edberg finally overcame Shane Barr 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Neither Eagle nor Barr has yet found a starring roles for himself in a game that, increasingly, is subject to the evaluations of show business.

Eagle, a South African who went to college in America and now lives in Sydney, may, at the age of 24, have too much mileage on him to climb to the top but he looked a good deal better yesterday than his ATP ranking of 295 would suggest. Becker, however, was *never troubled and voiced his* customary delight at being back on his favourite surface.

Edberg found Barr altogether a more difficult proposition. The Swede was thrown off balance a little by conditions on the centre court that were a good deal faster than Manchester, where he won the tournament last week, and he struggled to find the rhythm on his serve for much of the match.

Barr, aged 18, from Queensland, has pleased his coach, Bob Carmichael, with the progress he has made in Britain this summer. He soon sensed where his opportu*nities lay and started* going for his service returns. Three outright winners were sufficient to earn him the second set and he was pressing Edberg all the way in the third, despite losing an early service break.

"I had to play well to beat him in the end," Edberg said. "I fell asleep a little in the second set and told myself I would have to work for every point after that. But he kept me under pressure with some *very good service returns.*"

With Carmichael's no-nonsense approach to tennis to guide him, Shane Barr, unlike Charlton Eagle, still has time to put his name in lights.

Meanwhile, there was some discussion amongst the tennis fraternity at Queen's over the All England Club's right to tinker around with the ATP computer rankings when choosing the Wimbledon seeds. The word was that the Men's Tennis Council rules no longer give grand slam championships the right to do so, but Alan Mills, the referee, denied this.

However, there has been a considerable reluctance to give obvious fast-court players priority over those whose ATP points have been earned almost exclusively on clay. It is to be hoped that the committee will be a little *bolder this year, especially as* it would be absurd to have John McEnroe, who has yet to reclaim a place in the top 10 on the computer, seeded outside the top eight.

RESULTS: Men's singles: First round: P Baur (WG) bt M Bahrami (Iran), 2-6, 6-0, 3-0, ret; G Michibata (Can) bt S Youl (Aus), 7-5, 6-1; D Visser (SA) bt P Kuhnen (WG), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. K Curren (US) bt G Connell (Can), 6-3, 7-5; B Becker (WG) bt C Eagle (Aus), 6-1, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt S Barr (Aus), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt T Wilkison (US), 6-3, 6-2, D Cahill (Aus) bt R Acuna (Chile), 6-7, 6-3, 9-7.

Injury no deterrent to Lendl

By Richard Evans

Ivan Lendl has defied medical advice and gone straight into grass-court training in a typical *make-or-break* attempt to be fit for Wimbledon.

Lendl was at Bristol yesterday training with the British Davis *Cup team even though he had* been advised to have another examination on the pectoral muscle he pulled during his *quarter-final loss to Jonas* Svensson in Paris last week.

Lendl, who allows his body little rest at the best of times, *practised in England on Sunday* and twice on Monday after a visit to the ATP trainer Todd Snyder at Queen's.

Prepared as always to play through a little pain, Lendl decided to push the injury to the limit even though he might be *risking further damage.*

"Amazingly he came through okay," Snyder said. "There was no further swelling. As with all fit athletes, the blood pumping through the damaged area flows at a much greater rate than with most people and that speeds up the healing progress."

Lendl is still expecting to play a four-man exhibition with Stefan Edberg and Henri Leconte in Nottingham next week.

● Catarina Lindqvist, of Sweden, has withdrawn from the Bank of Scotland grass-court championships in Edinburgh because of a foot infection. She was due to play her first match today and her place will be taken by the American Wightman Cup player, *Robin White.*

Gomer grinds out laboured victory

By Barry Wood

Sara Gomer produced the only British victory in the Dow Chemicals Classic at Edgbaston yesterday, beating Natalia Medvedeva 6-4, 6-0. *There were* defeats for Julie Salmon and Clare Wood.

While Gomer's win was welcomed, it was obtained in a workmanlike manner and had little entertainment value. The British No. 3 merely did enough to overcome her Russian opponent, aged 16, who, although a considerable success on the British satellite circuit last Autumn, has still to make her mark during her first year on the senior tour.

"I got off to a good start and always had my nose in front, but although I'm pleased at the way I concentrated, it wasn't the best I can play," Gomer said.

In contrast, Salmon's 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 defeat by Elizabeth Smylie was absorbing from beginning to end, one of those occasional matches which one could sit and enjoy all afternoon.

Resuming at one set all after the match was suspended over*night, Salmon led 3-0 but then* conceded six games in a row, taking only eight points.

Salmon's collapse disguises *the fact that the entire match* was evenly contested, with the ball hit crisply and cleanly by *both* players and most points coming from forced errors. Salmon's excellent serve was counteracted on occasions by Smylie's winning returns, and they moved both themselves and ball around the court with authority.

Wood dislikes the grass, and gave no indication that she considered she had any chance of preventing a 6-3, 6-2 victory by Manon Bollegraf.

However, along with Monique Javer and Sarah Loosemore, she has been granted a wild card into next week's Pilkington Glass tournament at Eastbourne.

RESULTS: First round (British unless stated): E Smylie (Aus) bt J Salmon, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3; B Cordwell (NZ) bt K Okamoto (Japan), 7-6, 6-1; M Bollegraf (Neth) bt C Wood, 6-3, 6-2; L Golarsa (It) bt H Witvoet (Neth), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; E Reinach (SA) bt G Fernandez (P Rico), 6-3, 4-6, 8-6; C Singer (Fr) bt Hu Na (US), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

Wild card for Lloyd

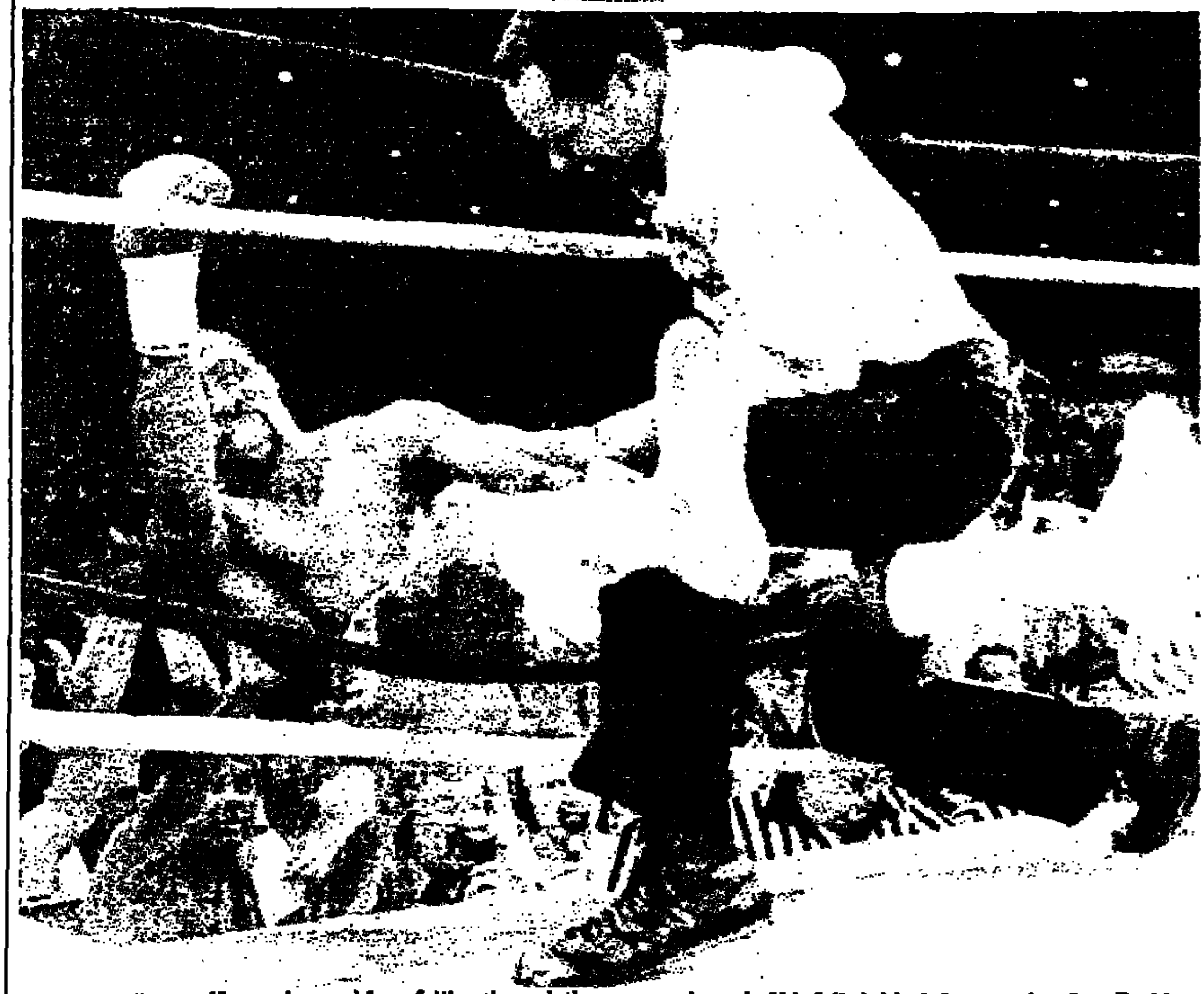
John Lloyd, one of Britain's most popular players over the last decade, has been given a chance to attempt a treble of Wimbledon mixed doubles titles in a fortnight's time.

The former British No. 1, aged 32, has been given a wild card into the Wimbledon mixed doubles with Wendy Turnbull, his Australian partner, with whom he took the crown in 1983 and 1984.

Lloyd, who has retired from singles competition, also has a wild card with Stephen Shaw, whom he coaches, in the men's doubles.

Steffi Graf has been given a wild card into the mixed doubles with her coach, Pavel Slozil, of Czechloslovakia.

BOXING



Strung up: Thomas Hearns is saved from falling through the ropes at the end of his failed title defence against Iran Barkley

Barkley out-hits the hit-man

Las Vegas (Reuter) — Thomas Hearns, the only man to win titles in four weight divisions and whose only previous defeats were to Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvin Hagler, was deprived of his World Boxing Council *(WBC) middleweight title in the* early hours of yesterday morning when Iran Barkley stopped him in the third round.

Barkley, a 4-1 outsider with bookmakers before the contest, had lost his previous attempt at a middleweight title when beaten on points last October by Sumbu Kalambay for the WBA crown. In the first two rounds of this contest, Barkley looked to be on the receiving end of another defeat, and this time a bloody one.

The champion was in complete control. Hearns hit his awkward opponent almost at will, and was especially effective with punishing blows to the ribs.

"I didn't even see it," was Hearns's explanation of the right cross to his head that dropped him in the third round. Barkley had emerged at the start of the round with cuts over both eyes and bleeding from the mouth — he had come out in the second without his gumshield — but the man from the Bronx was determined to put up a fight.

Barkley swarmed over Hearns in the opening seconds of the *third round*, throwing roundhouse rights and lefts, eventually connecting with the punch which sent the champion to the canvas.

Once Hearns struggled up on to his rubbery legs, Barkley continued his onslaught, a right uppercut sending him through the ropes, and only Richard Steele, the referee, saved him from falling out of the ring.

"I knew he was going to get up, but I saw he wasn't all there," Barkley, aged 28, said of *the first knock-down*, "so I just concentrated on putting him away."

Hearns, who earned $1.5 *million (about £850,000) from* the contest, later hinted that he might retire. Then, turning to the victor, Hearns said: "You know what you've done tonight? You've out-hit the hit-man."

Graham is equal to the task

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Yesterday's *third-round* defeat of Thomas Hearns, the World Boxing Council middleweight champion, at the hands of the *tough but uncomplicated* and one-paced boxer, Iran Barkley, will have many top contenders fancying their chances.

Britain's leading middleweights, Herol Graham, Nigel Benn and Michael Watson, will be among those taking another look *at their plans to challenge* for a world title. Graham's future looks the best, for he has always been considered a cut above Barkley.

When one remembers that Sumbu Kalambay, the World Boxing Association champion, has beaten Barkley and that Kalambay's European title win over Graham was considered a big upset, the Sheffield boxer's chances of winning a world title are good.

It would be a pity if Graham, one of the world's top three contenders, went for a risky "winner-take-all" contest with Benn, the world No. 26, before challenging for the world title. There has been talk by Graham's manager, B. J. Eastwood, of a £100,000 sidestake with Benn's manager, Frank Warren. Warren has raised the stake to £200,000 and winner-take-all, *including the purse.* One hopes managerial "machismo" will not win the day for if it does one of the boxers will suffer.

Therefore, tonight at Sheffield City Hall, Graham should be concentrating on beating James Cook, of Peckham, for *the vacant* British title with the kind of good, solid boxing that wins world titles, rather than try for a slam-bang finish just to match Benn's quick inside-the-distance wins. Graham will need good boxing to beat Kalambay or Barkley, or the International Boxing Federation champion, Frank Tate.

The "Bomber" can hit hard enough, though, to stop Cook. He "bombed out" Jimmy Price and Prince Rodney in one round and the light-heavyweight, José Seys, in six rounds.

On the face of it, the contest looks one-sided. Graham has had 39 contests and lost only one, and that to a world champion, while Cook has a record of 11 wins and seven defeats. Cook was only the *third choice.* He got his chance after Benn and Watson decided not to take part in eliminators. But one can expect Cook, who has a win over Watson, now the world No. 11, to give it a go. Cook can box, if allowed to get past the early rounds.

The outcome depends on Graham's tactics. Should he come out punching with both hands, it could be over in the first round but if he decides to put his shots together behind a jab, he should subdue Cook by the middle rounds.

A bout turn

Tokyo (Reuter) — Protests from the Thailand Government could force the World Boxing Council (WBC) to offer Napa Katwanchai a rematch with Hiroki Ioka, the straw-weight world champion.

Ioka retained the title on Sunday when the 12-round bout against the Thai ended in a draw. But a rematch has been urged after complaints that the final round of the bout was shorter than the required three minutes.

Warren seeks a title bout for McGuigan

Frank Warren, the London promoter, *revealed in* Belfast yesterday that he has high hopes that Barry McGuigan's contest against Tomas Da Cruz at Luton *on* June 25 will be recognized as a final eliminator for a world title bout against either Azumah Nelson or Rocky Lockridge (George Ace writes).

Warren said he had asked both the International Boxing Federation and the World Boxing Council to consider the bout as a final eliminator.

"I am optimistic that my request will be granted and I hope to receive confirmation within a week," he added.

McGuigan was non-commit*tal about his future.* "I will take it one fight at a time," he said. "If I am satisfied with my performance against Cruz I will carry on; *if not, I will quit.*"

He re-emphasized that if a world title bout became a possibility, he would like it to *take place in Belfast or Dublin.*

FOOTBALL

Beardsley injury scare for England

Peter Beardsley was injured in training at Bisham Abbey yesterday as England continued their *preparations for the* European championship finals, beginning in West Germany on Friday.

The Liverpool forward was knocked semi-conscious after a challenge with Wright, in which he took a knock on the nose, but is expected to be fit enough to start the tournament.

The main worries of the England manager, Bobby Robson, surrounded injuries to his defenders, Dorigo and Watson. Dorigo has a slight Achilles tendon strain, and Watson has a tight thigh. Both, however, are expected to recover in time for England's opening game, against the Republic of Ireland on Sunday.

With his captain, Bryan Robson, back to form and fitness, however, the England manager is confident his side can do well. "I always knew he would come good again, and I expect him to be very influential in Germany," *he said.* "*We are going* there with one of the two best driving forces in the tournament."

After a career blighted by injuries, the most disappointing a dislocated shoulder at the World Cup in Mexico, Robson is once again playing with his old enthusiasm.

"What happened in the World Cup was tragic and he is very keen to wipe that away," *Robson said.* "*He wanted to do* so much for his country and team.

Disrepute charge is upheld

By John Goodbody

A football referee who admits to being a carrier of the Aids virus yesterday lost his appeal for bringing the game into disrepute after an amateur club had refused to let him officiate at any of their matches.

The Football Association's Board of Appeal yesterday dismissed the appeal of Norman *Redman*, aged 42, a referee for 17 years, and ordered him to pay the costs of the tribunal.

Redman, from Little*hampton, West Sussex*, was banned by West Loats, a Bognor Regis Sunday club, because the club feared its players might *catch the disease from him.*

He accused the club in a letter of being "uneducated idiots", a remark that brought the charge of bringing the game into disrepute from the Sussex Football Association. It found him guilty of ungentlemanly and improper conduct under rule 26 (a)(x). His appeal at Lancing was heard by representatives of the Army, Navy and Surrey Football Associations, who made up the Board of Appeal.

The Board upheld the decision but the referee, who says he is a homosexual, now plans to take a civil action with the promise of financial support from the local gay community. He said: "The hearing showed the FA is full of blind prejudice against gay people and people like me who are HIV antibody positive. I do not have the disease. I am *only* a carrier."

ATHLETICS

Return to court for Gasser

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

Sandra Gasser, the Swiss athlete who was banned after a positive drugs test at the world championships last summer, is back in the High Court today for a full trial of her case, which is expected to last into next week.

Gasser is protesting that the correct International Amateur Athletic Federation drug-testing procedures were not followed, that her two samples differed in results; and that her two-year ban from competition is a restraint of trade.

A refutation of the ban on the latter point would be a tragedy for everyone involved in the sport who knows the extent of drugs cheating that goes on nowadays. It would open the doors for anyone banned to force an instant re-entry to *international competition;* and for further testing to prove fruitless. Such a decision is, however unlikely.

But Gasser probably has a good chance on the procedural front, in view of the official chicanery which has been proven to have gone on *in Rome* over falsification of event results at the championships.

Gasser has continued to train throughout the winter, and has even attracted a new sponsor, despite her ban. It is a company based near Zurich, which markets homeopathic products.

EVENING RACING

Princess Royal finishes second

The Princess Royal, riding Gulfland, finished a 1½-length second to Rock Chanteur, the mount of Joanna Winter, in the *Stakis* Amateur Riders' Stakes at Hamilton yesterday evening.

It was her first ride since the death of her steeplechaser Cnoc Na *Cuille* at Warwick last month.

Hamilton Park

Going: good

7.0 (1m 4f) 1, Rock Chanteur (*Joanna Winter*, 5-4 fav); 2, Gulfland (2-1); 3, *Mallypha* (14-1). 13 ran. 1½l, 2½l. C Nelson. Tote: £2.80; £1.40, £1.90, £4.40. DF: £2.90. CSF: £3.86.

Britain's heavyweight wrestler gets to grips with Seoul

Loban's Wimbledon factor

By Louise Taylor

Noel Loban holds a degree in advertising art and design, is a regular churchgoer and teaches at the American School in London's salubrious St John's Wood. *He is also Britain's* premier heavyweight wrestler and will be one of the country's strongest gold medal contenders *at the Olympic Games in Seoul.*

With an Olympic bronze (1984), European championship silver (1988) and Commonwealth gold (1986) featuring among his successes, Loban possesses the credentials to ruffle some formidable opposition from the Eastern bloc and it is with this in mind that he has been presented with £5,000 under *The Times*/Minet Supreme Awards scheme to help him with his travelling and training expenses until the Olympics.

"Preparing for Seoul is going *to involve a lot of travelling*, starting with a trip to the States in a fortnight's time, so the money will come in very handy," he said on receiving the cheque at Brixton Recreation Centre yesterday.

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Earlier Loban had dem*onstrated* his craft during a "light warm-up" with his regular training partner, Chris Manning, whom he repeatedly tossed *on to the mat* with almost nonchalant ease. "He is *big*, strong, fast and skilful," Manning said. "Most wrestlers are either fast or *skilful*, or simply strong, but Noel is the exception who has got everything."

It was not until Loban, who was born 31 years ago *in* Wimbledon, moved to New York and attended high school that he was first introduced to the sport, acquiring an American accent along the way. After completing his degree he returned to England to a life of sandwiching twice-daily training sessions in between teaching commitments and work as a PE instructor at *Brixton Recreation Centre.*

He is convinced that long hours on the mat devoted to *perfecting technique and speed* of reaction have paid dividends. "To succeed in wrestling, your body should be able to tell you what to do before your mind remembers and you only develop that sort of familiarity with your muscles by experiencing a whole range of situations in training," he said.

"Even when you're having a bad day you have to train because you know your opponents will be working in the gym. Wrestling is a one-on-one situa*tion; you're all alone with no* team-mates to take up the slack, so you have to be meticulous in your preparations."

Such groundwork involves an exhaustive regime which, while revolving around polishing technique via matwork and full-scale wrestling with training partners, also includes plenty of running for stamina, sprinting for speed, weight training for strength and cycling and swimming for general conditioning.

Nevertheless, the odds against Loban beating the Russians, Romanians, Bulgarians, East Germans and Americans to gold this autumn are realistically on a par with Wimbledon winning the FA Cup. But as he *said: "I like being the underdog* and I have my plans for a medal. On paper I wasn't even in contention in 1984 and I ended *up with the bronze.*"

The Times/Minet awards are open to contenders to all Britain's teams at the Olympics. This is the eleventh award; the others were Linford Christie, Fatima Whitbread, Jonathan Ridgeon, Peter Elliott and John Regis (athletics), Adrian Moorhouse and Andrew Jameson (swimming), Andrew Holmes and Steven Redgrave (rowing), Virginia Leng (equestrianism) and Elvis Gordon (judo).

The awards go to competitors who convince the judges that they deserve the extra support that could make them medal *winners in Seoul. The awards* are backed by the Minet Group, the London-based firm of international insurance brokers, which has made grants totalling £1.5 million, administered by the Sports Aid Foundation.

The intention was to have 12 winners but *The Times* and Minet are so pleased with the response that they have decided to make an extra three awards making a total of £75,000.

Body and Seoul: Loban and salver (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

YACHTING

End of calms brings an end for two skippers

By Barry Pickthall

As the leading boats in the Carlsberg singlehanded transatlantic race broke out of the calms that have dogged their progress since the start on Sunday, the freshing northwesterly winds forced two skippers to turn back.

Lionel Pean, one of the favourites sailing the French trimaran, Hitatchi, was heading back to France last night after reporting that a bolt holding one of the floats had sheered, while *William Gilmore in the 38ft* American monohull, Zafu, was on his way back to Plymouth.

Yesterday's leader was Olivier Moussy, racing the 60ft Irens-designed trimaran, Laiterie Mont St Michel, followed by a fellow-Frenchman, Philippe Poupon, aboard Fleury Michon 20 miles to the north. Monday's leader, the Canadian, Mike Birch, also racing an Irens-design trimaran, had dropped back to fourth yesterday behind Loick Peyron's Lada Poch but all were averaging close to 16 knots on a direct course for Newport, Rhode Island.

Spirit of Apricot, the British trimaran, skippered by Tony *Bullimore, was back in seventh* place just ahead of Sebago (Phil Steggall) followed by Williams Lea, the 55ft trimaran, skippered by Richard Tolkien in tenth place.

Bedford's high hopes suddenly becalmed

By Malcolm McKeag

Having dealt in small parcels to begin with, fickle fortune's wind took all away in one swoop for the defending champion, David Bedford, in the third race of the Stone's Ginger Wind J/24 national championship at Torquay yesterday.

Bedford had dominated the light-weather race until the halfway stage, then sailed in to a calm spot together with the overnight points leader, Colin Simonds, and watched helplessly as a quarter of the fleet sailed around them.

Bedford managed to recover to finish sixth, but this is his second weak result in a very hot fleet and it may have brought *nearer the likelihood of his* losing his title.

Racing under the burgee of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, 52 J/24s — a record fleet — are contesting the title and after three races there is no clear leader overall. Simonds, from Sea View on the Isle of Wight, finished Monday with a third and a second, and his performance yesterday, before disaster struck, marks him as a potential successor if the champion's crown is *to* fall. But whereas Bedford yesterday saved a sixth place, Simonds finished out of the first 10.

RESULTS: Third race: 1, Jailbreak (A Evans, Poole YC); 2, Popincoota (G Bailey, Island SC); 3, Italian Job (I Pinnell, Bolton SC); 4, Magic (C Torrens, Royal Corinthian YC); 5, Hedgehog (I Macdonald-Smith, Royal Thames YC); 6, Take Them To The *Cleaners*, (D Bedford, Parkstone YC).

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Philadelphia Phillies 5, Montreal Expos 4; Houston Astros 10, Los Angeles Dodgers 4; *New York Mets 6, St Louis Cardinals 2;* Cincinnati Reds 12, San Diego Padres 0. **American League:** Baltimore Orioles 5, Detroit Tigers 2; Cleveland Indians 6, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Boston Red Sox 3, New York Yankees 2; *Minnesota Twins 9*, Chicago White Sox 4; Kansas City Royals 2, Oakland Athletics 0; Texas Rangers 6, California Angels 4; Seattle Mariners 2, Milwaukee Brewers 0.

BASKETBALL

KUALA LUMPUR: Women's Olympic qualifying tournament: Group A: China 113, Angola 56; Soviet Union 80, Chinese Taipei 45; Brazil 108, Angola 48. *Group B:* Yugoslavia 82, *Zaire* 47; Bulgaria 120, Thailand 33; Zaire 52, France 50. **Group C:** Czechoslovakia 90, Japan 78; Italy 74, Ireland 31. **Group D:** Australia 78, New Zealand 42; Hungary 101, Malaysia 53; Poland 57, New Zealand 33.

SQUASH RACKETS

DUNLOP CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: Men: Scotland: Second round: J Walbaum bt K Yardley, 9-1, 9-3, 9-6; C Dunn bt K Maxwell, 9-5, 9-6, 9-0. **Quarter-finals:** D Rutherford bt Walbaum, 1-9, 9-1, 9-0, 9-1; G Thomson bt C Stewart, w/o. **Midlands: Second round:** R Bativala bt D Lloyd, 9-0, 9-0, 9-3; K Higginson bt A Jones, 9-7, 9-1, 9-0. *Quarter-finals:* J Parkes bt P Snape, 9-7, 2-9, 9-7, 9-3; Higginson bt R Harrod, 9-5, 9-0, 9-5. **Southern home counties: Second round:** C Payne bt A Couch, 9-2, 5-9, 9-6, 9-3; J McCollagh bt R Khan, 9-0, 9-2, 4-9, 9-5. **Quarter finals:** Payne bt A Abou Taleb, 9-4, 7-9, 9-7, 7-9, 9-0. **Northern home counties: Second round:** J Friend bt P Whelan, 1-9, 9-2, 9-5, 9-5. **Quarter-finals:** J Foster bt P Gunter, 4-9, 9-7, 9-6, 9-7. **Women: Scotland: Second round:** J Humphries bt L Goldie, 9-3, 9-3, 5-9, 9-4; H Forbes bt E Mayor, 9-4, 9-6, 9-2. **Quarter-finals:** A Brotherston bt R Lothian, 9-3, 6-9, 9-1, 9-7; J Sutherland bt S Welch, 9-1, 9-3, 9-2. **Midlands: Second round:** B Poole bt C Smith, 9-6, 9-7, 9-2; J Moore bt A Beddall, 9-5, 9-6, 9-6. **Quarter-finals:** L Sturgess bt J Carr, 9-3, 9-4, 9-5; Moore bt K Whitlow, 6-9, 9-2, 9-2, 9-4. **Southern home counties: Second round:** J Tuomey bt K Prescott, 6-9, 9-4, 9-2, 10-8; S Newman bt M O'Gara, 6-9, 9-2, 9-4, 9-6. **Quarter-finals:** S Wright bt Newman, 8-10, 9-2, 9-1, 9-1; S Downhill bt K Russell, 9-2, 9-5, 9-6. **Northern home counties: Second round:** S Johnson bt L Owen, 7-9, 9-1, 9-5, 9-1; S Campbell bt A Williams, 4-9, 9-0, 9-5, 9-1. **Quarter-finals:** Johnson bt S Curnow, 9-3, 9-6, 9-5.

GOLF

US PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, A Lyle (GB), $608,479 (£338,000); 2, C Beck, $528,875; 3, L Wadkins, $475,906; 4, B Crenshaw, $471,769; 5, M McCumber, $409,745; 6, J Sindelar, $395,278; 7, C Strange, $368,525; 8, D Frost (SA), $388,333; 9, G Norman (Aus), $367,287; 10, J Haas, $357,589.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: M McNulty (Zim) £103,833; M James (GB) £80,665; S Ballesteros (Sp) £71,360; I Woosnam (GB) £66,094; N Faldo (GB) £64,068; J-M Olazabal (Sp) £58,408; B Langer (WG) £57,740; A Lyle (GB) £49,400; E Darcy (Ire) £48,011; R *Rafferty* (GB) £46,847.

WOOLMARK ORDER OF MERIT: L Mentz (SA) £17,716; C Dibnah (Aus) £17,358; D Reid (GB) £13,035; C Panton (GB) £12,080; A Nicholas (GB) £11,813.

US LPGA TOUR MONEY-WINNERS (US unless stated): 1, N Lopez, $218,522 (£122,000); 2, A Alcott, $197,495; 3, S Turner, $192,648; 4, C Walker, $152,433; 5, A Okamoto (Japan), $148,858; 6, R Jones, $132,671; 7, M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), $121,138; *8, Ok-Hee Ku (S Kor), $120,891; 9,* J Stephenson (Aus), $110,536; 10, B King $107,531. British: 12, L Davies, $97,285; 58, P Johnson, $21,407.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SYDNEY: Tour match: Manly 30, Great Britain 0.

RUGBY UNION

WHANGAREI, New Zealand: Tour match: North Auckland 27, Wales 9.

FOOTBALL

TOULON: Under-21 international tournament: France 4, Switzerland 0; Bulgaria 1, Cameroon 0.
TOKYO: International tournament: Final: Flamengo (Br) 1, Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 0.

BOXING

SYDNEY: Light-heavyweight (10 rounds): Jeff Harding (Aus) bt Jorge Salgado (Arg), rsc 5th round.
LONDON: Hilton Hotel international show: Welterweight (10 rounds): Gary Jacobs (Glasgow) bt Juan Alonzo Villa (Mex), rsc 5th round; Cruiserweight (6 rounds): Johnny Nelson (Sheffield) bt Lenny Howard (Chelmsford), ko second; Super Featherweight (6 rounds): Bill Cawley (Birmingham) bt Richard Dimmock (Wokingham) points; Light-middleweight (6 rounds): Glen Mitchell (Plymouth) drew with Gary Dyson (Acton).

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Four-team tournament: Second round (at Exeter): Poole 33, Eastbourne 26, Exeter 20, Wimbledon 17.

LADBROKE OLYMPIQUE (at Wolverhampton): 1, H Nielsen (Oxford), 16pts; 2, S Ermolenko (Wolverhampton), 15; 3, M Fiala (Belle Vue), 10.

TENNIS

WITA LEADING MONEY-WINNERS: 1, S Graf (WG), $638,376 (£354,000); 2, M Navratilova (US), $437,305; 3, G Sabatini (Arg), $280,394; 4, P Shriver (US), $268,150; 5, C Evert (US), $234,150; 6, H Sukova (Cz), $199,191; 7, N Zvereva (USSR), $172,968; 8, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), *$136,207; 9, Z Garrison (US)*, $134,970; 10, N Provis (Aus), $112,119.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Cz); 2, M Wilander (Swe); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, P Cash (Aus); 5, J *Connors (US)*; 6, A Agassi (US); 7, B Becker (WG); 8, M Mecir (Cz); 9, Y Noah (Fr); 10, H Leconte (Fr).

GRAND PRIX POINTS LEADERS: 1, M Wilander (Swe), 3,573pts; 2, A Agassi (US), 2,430; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 2,234; 4, I Lendl (Cz), 2,108; 5, B Becker (WG), 2,033; 6, Y Noah (Fr), 1,880; 7, H Leconte (Fr), 1,692; 8, P Cash (Aus), 1,500; 9, A Chesnokov (USSR), 1,426; 10, M Mecir (Cz), 1,285.

ATP LEADING MONEY-WINNERS: 1, M Wilander (Swe), $486,000 (£270,000); 2, S Edberg (Swe), $483,131; 3, B Becker (WG), *$427,547*; 4, A Agassi (US), $344,749; 5, K Carlsson (Swe), $303,454; 6, I Lendl (Cz), $261,552; 7, H Leconte (Fr), $247,953; 8, T Mayotte (US), $232,579; 9, Y Noah (Fr), $228,905; 10, E Sanchez (Sp), $208,884.

CRAIGLOCKHART: Bank of Scotland grass court championship (British unless stated): **Men's singles: Third round:** S Kruger (SA) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-4, 6-4; P Norval (SA) bt C Campbell (US), 6-2, 7-6. **Women's singles:** *Third round:* A van Buuren (Neth) bt E Adams, 6-2, 6-2; S Yan (China) bt L Fong (China), 6-1, 6-3; S Mair bt J Murray, 6-4, 7-5; R Szikszay (Hun) bt L Xinyi (China), 6-2, 6-4.

BOLOGNA: International tournament: **Men's singles** (Italy unless stated): M Jaite (Arg) bt M Hennemann (Br), 6-1, 6-1; A Mancini (Arg) bt M Cierro, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; J Aguilera (Sp) bt C Panatta, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; U Stenlund (Swe) bt D Perez (Uru) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; D Camporese bt A Baldoni, 6-4, 6-4.

IN BRIEF

Soviet pledge

Tokyo (Reuter) — Frank Carlucci, the United States Secretary of Defence, said on Monday that the Soviet Union has indicated it will do everything possible to prevent trouble during the Seoul Olympics in September. Carlucci said that discussions at the Moscow summit touched upon security at the Olympics and fears that North Korea might try to disrupt the Games.

Visa problems

Moscow (Reuter) — Soviet tennis players, including Andrei Chesnokov, *due to* leave for the Davis Cup European zone B semi-final in Lisbon, have not been granted visas and could arrive too late to prepare properly for the match, which begins on Friday.

Lisbon victory

A Cambridge University past and present Rugby Union side, including Gavin Hastings, Fran Clough, Simon Smith and Andrew Harriman, won the Lisbon Sevens on Sunday. They beat Cascais, a Portuguese club side, 28-6 in the final, with tries from Harriman, Wyles (2) and Clough (2).

Gloucester tour

Gloucester rugby club's seven-day tour of Portugal ended at the weekend, the west countrymen having won three of their four games.

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D-Day as troops embark for powder-keg

COMMENTARY

David Miller

Chief Sports Correspondent

The England football team departs today for the European championship. By the end of next week it is more than possible that our nation will be regarded, irrespective of the performance on the field by Bobby Robson's professional players, with renewed scorn and alarm on account of the behaviour of English spectators in Stuttgart and Düsseldorf.

What should be an occasion for international sporting expectancy, for the achievement of Gary Lineker and the rest, is instead a matter for grave anxiety: not for football but for Britain.

The unpalatable truth is that in the three years since the Heysel disaster in Brussels neither the Government nor the relatively powerless football authorities, domestic and international, have done anything to strike at the root cause of Britain's unenviable football-related hooliganism: the uncontrolled export by England of youthful barbarians who may or may not have tickets for the matches around which they orchestrate their random yet deliberate violence. Mrs Thatcher and her Minister for Sport have found no properly preventive cure.

A minority of us among those media representatives who attended the Prime Minister's conference at Downing Street immediately after Heysel suspected then that we were not being heeded when we offered two pieces of advice: that the greater threat to England's foreign reputation lay with spectators who followed the national team's overseas matches rather than those following club matches, and that this source of violence was much harder to control than that at domestic League matches.

Mrs Thatcher was, and has remained, preoccupied with the commendable card membership scheme. There has in three years undoubtedly been substantial improvement in domestic control inside football grounds, thanks to more segregation, reduced capacities and closed-circuit television surveillance.

Outside the grounds, however, the violence remains as disgraceful as ever, demonstrated by the recent England match against Scotland at Wembley. It is an appalling indictment of British society — though we are by no means the only afflicted nation — that thousands of West German police will be required to try to ensure that England's forthcoming matches against the Republic of Ireland, The Netherlands and the Soviet Union will take place peaceably. There is no guarantee that the police will succeed.

With all aspects of our society suffering the scourge of teenage violence, from inner cities to rural villages, after 20 years of permissive public inaction, Mrs Thatcher missed the opportunity, as did Mr Justice Poppelwell's inquiry into the Bradford and Heysel disasters, of advocating mandatory sentences for football-associated violence in the Public Order Act of 1986.

Mrs Thatcher, a former practising barrister, could have recommended the Home Secretary to consider in Parliament the removal of discretionary powers from Justices of the Peace in the sentencing of football hooligans, the same as with drunken-driving offenders. Yet only this year an Inner London Conference of JPs, who have consistently failed sufficiently to punish football offenders, recommended their retention of discretionary sentencing. Lily-livered fines have been an open invitation to the continuance of gang football violence.

Mandatory jail sentences, or lengthy probation orders, in the event of more efficient police prosecutions than we have recently experienced would have served two purposes: the prevention of known ringleaders travelling abroad and a more severe deterrent to others.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, has been running in meaningful circles attempting to co-ordinate precautions in West Germany between the FA, the European Football Union (UEFA) and the German police, but his ultimate shortcoming is that violence and the travelling of those who perpetrate it are the responsibility of the Home Office.

The shortcoming of the football authorities, domestic and international, is that for 20 years their attitude has continued to be dominated by short-term commercial expediency. Grab the public's money and worry about the problems later.

There has been little sympathy or support for Luton's sensible ban on away supporters, which hits at the heart of the problem. Even well-intentioned officials such as Bert Millichip, chairman of the FA, have been slow to recognize the inescapable relationship between football and the whole of society; that what happens outside football grounds is not simply someone else's responsibility.

As I wrote the day after Heysel, everyone in Britain is in this social crisis together, from individual parents and schoolteachers to the Prime Minister.

Millichip indulged in the traditional lacuna of football's self-acquittal in his speech at the banquet last Friday to celebrate the FA's 125th anniversary. He claimed: "The situation is not of our making." Perhaps unwisely, he went on to say that football had come through its crisis. The match in Lausanne 10 days ago suggested otherwise. The next fortnight will show further.

It is not the habit of politicians to take sport seriously, unless they think it may influence votes, or of most intellectuals, who consider sport irrelevant. Yet because modern sport has such widespread media coverage, its conduct and that of its performers is of profound influence on the public.

It is deplorable that Jimmy Hill, for example, should argue on television that professional club players should not be denied European club competition because of their right to earn the money; and for my experienced colleague, Brough Scott, to bemoan Lester Piggott's loss of his OBE after a huge tax fraud.

Life is, or should be, full of penalties. If you put your hand over a flame, the pain warns you of damage. Keep it there and damage is unavoidable. Contemporary society expects to be able to play with the flame and suffer no damage.

Mrs Thatcher has failed to impose penalties after pain, whether or not self-inflicted. This failure to discipline ourselves and others goes all down the line. When the Football League chairmen threw out last Friday the admirable proposal to deduct points from clubs guilty of persistent indiscipline. Philip Carter, the League president, spoke like the Queen of Hearts. "Well, we shall have to find something they *will* accept," he said.

Where is the leadership?

Weymouth may lose the ticket

By Barry Pickthall

The town of Weymouth appeared to have shot itself in the foot yesterday in the long-running saga of its continued role as Britain's top Olympic yacht-racing centre after diligent traffic officers arrested three foriegn sailors for parking their cars illegally.

The £20 fines plus £10 costs imposed on the Canadian, Belgian and West German competitors at Weymouth Olympic week — postponed yesterday for lack of wind — not only highlighted the chronic parking problems in the town, but questioned Weymouth's desire to host a permanent centre for British Olympic yachting.

Discussions between the local council and the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) have been going on for the past 16 years but have proved fruitless. Proposals for a modest centre, made for sites in Portland Harbour and on the pier at Weymouth, have all been turned down either on the grounds of planning objections or cost.

Now, the RYA, faced with choosing a suitable site for the Olympics, should Manchester's application for the 1996 Olympics prove successful, appears ready to turn its back on the temporary tent city pitched each year on Weymouth's golden sands and look for a permanent site.

According to Robin Duchesne, the secretary-general of the RYA, the plan, promoted by the previous mayor, to develop a racing centre on an ornamental garden on the pier, offers the best solution, providing the council allows part of the ferry car park to be turned over for dinghies during big regattas.

The council wants the centre built on reclaimed land at the end of the pier, which will cost three times the £500,000 that the RYA is promised from the Sports Council following the sale last year of the original sailing centre at Cowes, but is prepared to offer a soft loan of £250,000 to help cover the deficit.

Duchesne argues that since the centre will not generate more than its immediate running costs, the RYA is unable to underwrite the repayments. Now the council's willingness and ability to host a national sailing centre are questioned by its refusal, according to the RYA, to allocate 100 car park spaces for contestants this week on the very parking area at the pierhead that would be allocated for boats should plans eventually go ahead.

Gooch dominant as he steers England to safety

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

TRENT BRIDGE: England drew with West Indies

Shortly after 2 p.m. yesterday, Malcolm Marshall wandered disconsolately off the Trent Bridge ground and England knew they were safe. A Test match in which they had been transparently second best since Thursday afternoon could now be survived without heavy casualties.

In the event, England survived in some style, Gooch batting seven hours for a flawless 146 and adding powerfully to the evidence suggesting he is the best opener in the world. With Gower applying some exquisite touches amid some welcome graft in an unbeaten 88, it was like the old days, England closing 98 runs ahead with the cushion of seven wickets in hand.

It was a dedicated, disciplined day of batting, for which Gooch and Gower deserve unstinting praise, but it has to be said that the crucial factor was the absence of Marshall. He woke yesterday morning suffering severe discomfort from the rib injury caused six weeks ago when he was struck by a ball from Wasim Akram, of Pakistan. He took the field, bit the bullet to bowl five gentle overs, but gave up the fight soon after lunch.

No one takes any pleasure from seeing a marvellous cricketer incapacitated, but England's players could be pardoned, just at that moment, if they were a shade light on regrets. Marshall's influence on this game had been immense and his threat to the result remained real, not only through his own bowling but his inspirational effect on those around him.

Without their spearhead, the West Indies attack sometimes lacks purpose and direction. It was this way yesterday; once Marshall had taken his leave, there was a sense of merely going through the motions. He will be examined again today to discover the extent of the injury and with the second Test of this Cornhill series only a week away, his condition is highly significant.

England, meanwhile, can look ahead with more optimism than often seemed likely during the course of the match. Gatting's position as captain will still be high on the conversational agenda in every corner of Lord's next week, but his prospects of survival have been enhanced by the three G's — Gooch, Gower and Glasnost. At a time when behaviour trends are fiercely monitored, England's conduct here was impeccable. Gatting and Gooch both walked without waiting to be given out and there was no hint of the kindergarten petulance which soured the winter. The teams co-existed amicably; the umpires ruled without argument. Long may it continue.

Gatting himself batted for only the first 90 minutes of the day and contributed just 21 runs. His achievement came in denying the West Indians the early breakthrough they needed. He was lucky once when, on 10, he pulled distractedly at a long-hop from Ambrose and toe-ended the ball to the right of Dujon, who failed to hold on. It needed Marshall to dislodge him with a ball which pitched on, and hit, off stump. You do not need to operate at 90 miles per hour to get people out with balls like that.

Gooch, by now, was past his fourth consecutive Test 50 against the West Indies and playing in a way which gave Richards little encouragement, especially when the line being bowled by the West Indians gave him far too much freedom around leg stump.

Soon after lunch, Gower, not yet sighting the ball as he would have liked, sliced Ambrose fractionally short of Haynes at gully. If that had carried, with England still 50 runs adrift, the match would still have been open. But almost immediately Marshall departed and the die was cast. Richards was reduced to bowling himself and Hooper and, although the odd ball did turn, England were conspicuously unconcerned.

Gooch reached his century in precisely five hours. Like everything else he did, it was undemonstrative and utterly predictable. There are some good innings, like Richards's on Saturday, where you feel every ball might be four, six or out. Gooch is seldom like that these days, and yesterday it was possible to avert the gaze with confidence that nothing would change. He is not the blazing hitter he once was; he is the finished article.

As a means of practice, rather than in hope of a collapse, Richards took the new ball after tea. It accounted for a weary Gooch and it gave Gower some stressful moments. He was hit on the helmet by a fiercely lifting ball from Ambrose, then dropped in the gully by Hooper. He was also playing some delightful mid-season shots and the unbeaten 88 — his highest score of the year — bodes well for the summer ahead.

SCOREBOARD FROM TRENT BRIDGE

England won toss

ENGLAND

First Innings: 245 (G A Gooch 73, B C Broad 54; M D Marshall 6 for 69, C E L Ambrose 4 for 53).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
G A Gooch c Dujon b Patterson	146	–	15	416	303
B C Broad c Dujon b Ambrose	16	–	2	81	55
*M W Gatting b Marshall	29	–	2	140	101
D I Gower not out	88	–	10	236	164
A J Lamb not out	6	–	–	45	32
Extras (lb 10, nb 6)	16				
Total (3 wkts, 108 overs)	301				

D R Pringle, †P R Downton, J E Emburey, P A J DeFreitas, P W Jarvis and G R Dilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-116, 3-277.

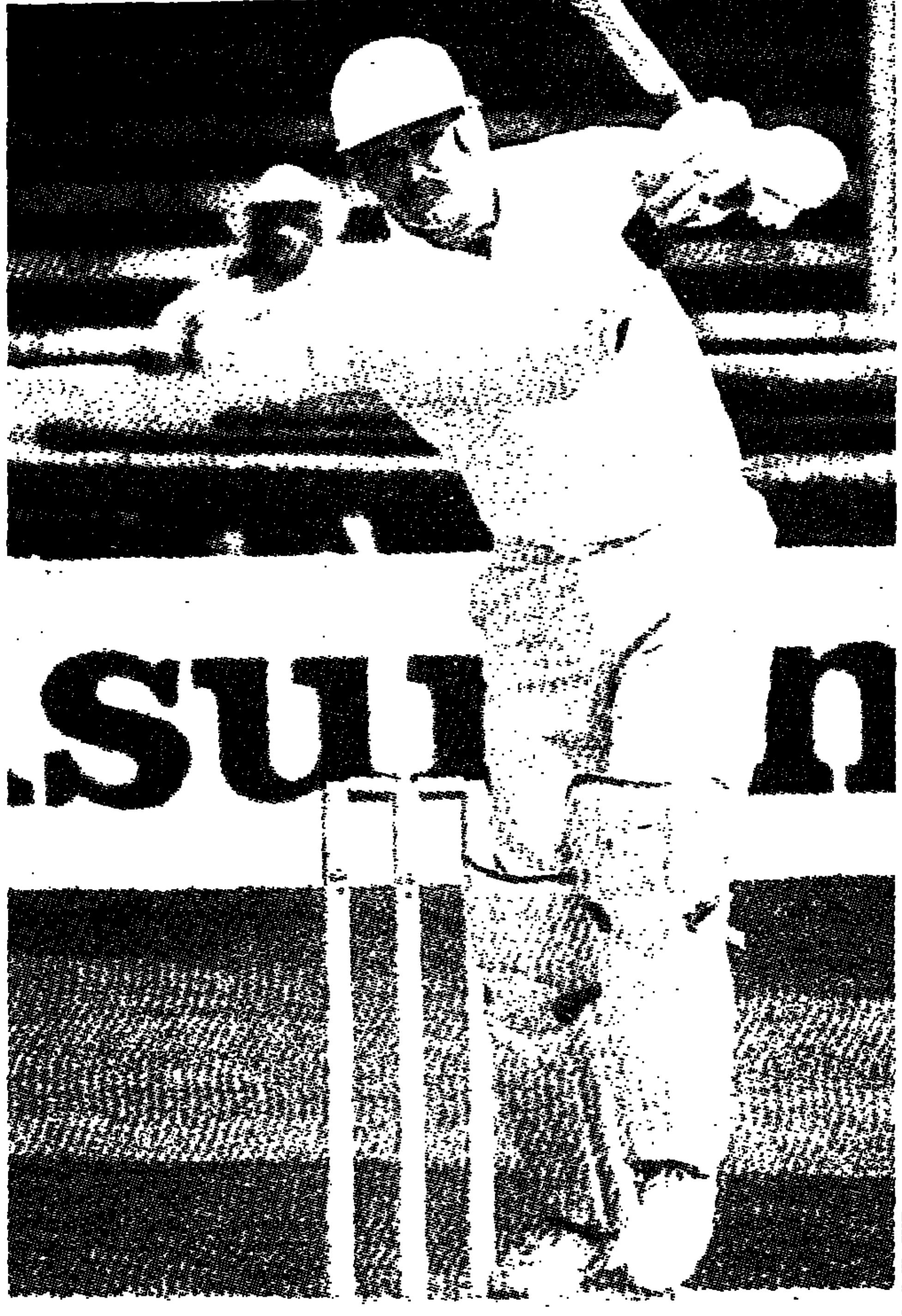
BOWLING: Marshall 13-4-23-1; Patterson 24-6-69-1 (nb 4); Ambrose 23-4-56-1 (nb 1); Walsh 25-5-84-0 (nb 2); Richards 9-1-26-0; Hooper 14-1-33-0.

WEST INDIES

First Innings: 448 for 9 dec (D L Haynes 60, I V A Richards 80, C L Hooper 84, M D Marshall 72).

Man of the Match: M D Marshall.

Umpires: H D Bird and J Birkenshaw.



Finished product: Gooch on his way to a match-saving century at Trent Bridge yesterday

Honours even for captains

By Andrew Longmore

With a day lost to rain, it could be said that a draw was not an entirely fair result, but, fair or foul, any draw will do for England after their recent run. And the post-match impression was that Richards did not mind it either.

"We played well in the last two days," Mike Gatting said with an air of understandable relief. "We bowled well on Monday and then showed good temperament today, particularly Graham Gooch. We know how good a player he can be. He says himself that he is playing more correctly now than last year. When he is in that frame of mind he is very hard to shift.

"This is a different West Indian team, so there is no point thinking about those 10 Tests," he said firmly. Perhaps so, but it can do England's prospects, and their morale for the rest of the series, no harm at all that two of the players who have been at the centre of recent defeats gained an unusual taste of equality.

Richards approached the draw from a different standpoint. Yes, they had won 10 Tests in a row, but no, his side had not been in good shape coming into the match. "I do feel encouraged by this result. We were on top for most of the game and after our result in the one-day internationals that was pleasing," he said. "I have always said that regardless of what happened previously, you would see the best of this side in the Test matches."

A draw, however, is something England should enjoy while they can. Marshall had not been seen in his true colours yet, said Richards, smiling, and his bowlers had stuck to line and length rather than bowling short. "We have brains, you know. We adapt to the surface we play on. If we get an encouraging surface, it might be different." The Trent Bridge pitch, it seems, had the last word.

Ian Botham yesterday came out in support of Mike Gatting in his dispute with the TCCB over his autobiography. Botham said: "I've always felt that a player should have the right to comment on situations and defend himself."

END COLUMN

Speed is now the fatal drug

By Michael Scott

"The TT takes you two ways. Either you think it is a death-trap, and you never come back — or you get wrapped up in it. I first came in 1978, and it scared me. I came back in 1981, when it was the only way I could get a contract for works bikes. Then I started to enjoy it. Now I wouldn't miss it for anything."

Roger Marshall is speaking: the British multi-champion and three times a runner-up in the Isle of Man Tourist Trophy, an enthusiastic professional racer as well as being a riders' representative to the Auto Cycle Union. As such, he keeps an eye on TT accidents, as well as on his own progress in the races he loves.

This year, there have been three fatalities for him to worry about — one of them a rider aged 57, who had slipped through the maximum age restriction of 55. A fourth death, of a spectator, is outside his sphere of interest. While he — like all TT racers — is fatalistic, the fact that the TT death toll has risen to 146 has once again caused widespread concern that the oldest of all motoring contests is unpleasantly close to being a blood-bath.

It is easy, perhaps even admirable, for otherwise disinterested parties to call for the races to be banned. It is also unlikely to have much effect. Racing began on the Isle of Man in 1907 because the island allowed speed trials on the public roads, whearess mainland Britain did not.

Today, the IoM Tourist Board sponsors the races to the tune of £290,000 (a rider leading every lap of the Senior TT on Friday would win £30,000), and TT time is the major earner for the island's tourist trade. "Stop this madness" would mean as little now to the Manxmen as in 1907.

After 81 years, the TT has survived much criticism, and the loss of world championship status — on safety grounds — in 1976, largely because it had become a festival in its own right.

Today, a proportion of the 50,000-odd crowd, which annually almost doubles the island's population, does not even watch all of the racing. They go (as the many Irish visitors say) "for the crack".

A number of the 400 or so riders who account for 875 race entries (many participate in several of the six solo and two side-car races) are there for the same reason; only a handful ride there unwillingly, to gain points in the somewhat peripheral TT Formula One world championship.

The TT differs from modern Grand Prix racing in that it takes place on public roads closed for the occasion. The track is not only long — the Mountain Circuit covers 37.75 miles — but is also full of danger. Running through Enid Blyton countryside, it is lined with sweetshops, telephone boxes and bus stops, and, outside the villages, by dry-stone walls.

What has changed are the average speeds. The lap record in 1907 was 41.81 m.p.h.; on Monday, Joey Dunlop, who has won the TT 11 times, raised the record to a staggering 118.54 m.p.h.; his top speed on long, downhill sections approached 180 m.p.h.

Accidents will happen. On the Isle of Man, the consequences are seldom minor. This has been a bad year: by comparison, in 1987 there were no fatal racing incidents. The organizers point out that the riders go into the TT with their eyes open. "Of course, any fatal accident is tragic, but you'd probably find that more people get killed mountaineering each year," Peter Kneale, a TT spokesman, said yesterday.

But while riders such as Barry Sheene, Kenny Roberts and Eddie Lawson — all world champions — would never contemplate racing there, others, such as Roger Marshall, would not dream of missing it. "When someone gets killed," Marshall said, "It makes me think. But I still want to do it."

Driving ban for Dunlop

Joey Dunlop, the former world motorcycling champion, was yesterday fined £200 and suspended from driving for 18 months at a court in Douglas, Isle of Man, after he admitted driving under the influence of alcohol.

His driving ban will apply only to the Isle of Man and will not prevent Dunlop — who holds the TT course speed record — from competing in races today and Friday.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Champion charged

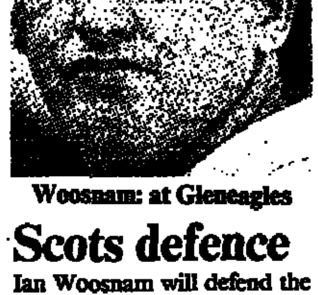
Berlin (AP) — Graciano Rocchigiani, the International Boxing Federation world super-middleweight champion, has been charged with resisting arrest following a brawl with West Berlin police involving his brother, Ralf, also a boxer, and a taxi driver outside a disco in the city last December.

British banker

The Great Britain basketball team's match against the University of Miami, in Birmingham on June 23, is being sponsored by TSB Bank.

Coach quits

Jim Crellin, the Mansfield Rugby League Club coach, and his assistant, Ray Clark, have resigned after steering the club from the bottom of the second division to seventh place in 18 months.



Woosnam: at Gleneagles

Scots defence

Ian Woosnam will defend the Bell's Scottish Open, at Gleneagles from July 6 to 9. Sandy Lyle, Ben Crenshaw, Fred Couples, Tom Kite and Payne Stewart are also confirmed for the £250,000 event.

Ravens fly out

Ron Roberts and Joe St Louis, two leading players with the London Ravens American football team, fly out to the United States today for trials with the Chicago Bears.

Tour criticized

Paris (AFP) — Roger Bambuck, the French sports minister, has condemned the 13 French Rugby Union players who have undertaken a tour of South Africa. The minister said the French National Olympic Committee, its president Nelson Paillou, and the French Rugby Federation president, Albert Ferrasse, all supported his stand.

Team changes

Great Britain make three changes from the squad that took part in the Australian bicentenary tournament in Perth for the four nations' women's hockey tournament being staged in Essen, West Germany, from June 17 to 19. Julie Cook, a goalkeeper, Vicky Dixon, a defender, and Mary Cheetham, a forward, replace Wendy Banks, Caroline Brewer and Jane Sixsmith, who are rested. Great Britain will meet West Germany, Australia and Canada in the tournament.

FA names Kelly successor to Croker

By Stuart Jones

Football Correspondent

Graham Kelly, secretary of the Football League, yesterday was named successor to Ted Croker, who is to retire as the secretary of the Football Association in February. The appointment, officially as chief executive, was unexpected. The bridge between the game's two bodies has never been crossed before.

It is also particularly significant since it represents the first stage in the planned reorganization of the FA. A report, commissioned last year, recommended that a chief executive should be brought in "to become the head of the permanent staff and to advise and support a new board of management".

Kelly, therefore, is likely to become the most powerful administrator in the game. As well as raising revenue and controlling expenditure, he will, if he is entitled to a vote on the board as suggested, be able to "establish the momentum for the future changes within the game".

Kelly did not even appear in the speculative list of candidates. Ronald Allison, head of sport at Thames Television, had been considered the favourite ahead of Charles Hughes and Glen Kirton, of the FA, Richard Faulkner of the Football Trust, and David Oxley, of the Rugby League.

"I'm thankful that my name wasn't mentioned until the right time," Kelly said yesterday. He appreciates that the FA "has taken a big step" because, as Croker himself confirmed, it is the first time that "somebody has come over from the League. It will surprise many people".

The move, which becomes official in February, will close the gap between the game's headquarters. The voices from Lancaster Gate and Lytham St Annes have not always spoken in harmony, but Kelly believes that "there are indications that we are working together".

He said: "That must be for the benefit of the game. I've worked hard to maintain good relations with the FA and so has Philip Carter [League president], who works closely with Bert Millichip [FA chairman]. That will be reinforced by somebody with first hand and extensive League experience joining the FA.

"We've combined on several issues, such as hooliganism and television contracts, which I regard as my main priorities in the future. Regardless of UEFA's decision about the European ban on English clubs later this month, there is a lot of work still to be done to make more of an impact on hooliganism."

After 20 years at the League, the last nine as secretary, Kelly intends to use his experience as he steps into a substantially bigger arena to assist the FA's chairman in foreign fields. "I want to restore England's influence in Europe and in world football," he said.

Kelly will be advised initially to maintain a diplomatic silence. Croker, though unwell, is determined to complete his 15-year term of office. The pair, associates since 1979, will become colleagues in September. Croker said: "I'll tell him to find out about the inner workings of the FA before he starts committing himself.

"He'll gradually take more control as I relinquish it but I know that he won't take an entrenched stance on anything until he sees the point of view from within the FA."

The transition may be peaceful but Kelly, not the most forceful of characters, must prepare himself for an unenviable duty. Early in his new career, he will be one of the leading figures likely to plan the potentially perilous journey of English clubs back into Europe. No responsibility in football could be heavier.

Graham Kelly: FCIS, aged 42. Educated at Baines Grammar School, Poulton-le-Fylde. Joined Barclays Bank in 1964; left as a chief cashier in 1968. Joined accounts department of Football League in July 1968; assistant secretary in 1973; secretary in 1979.

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